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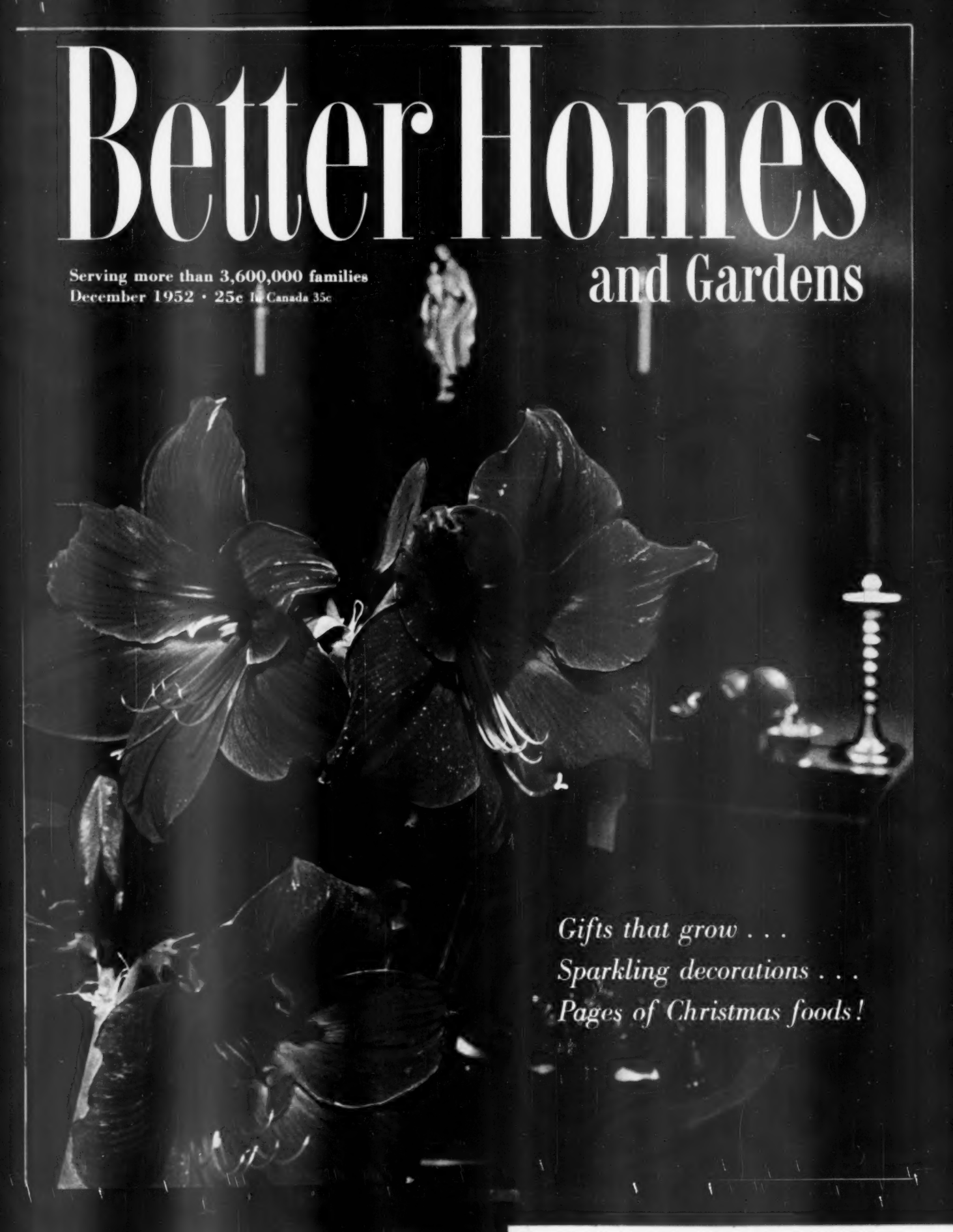

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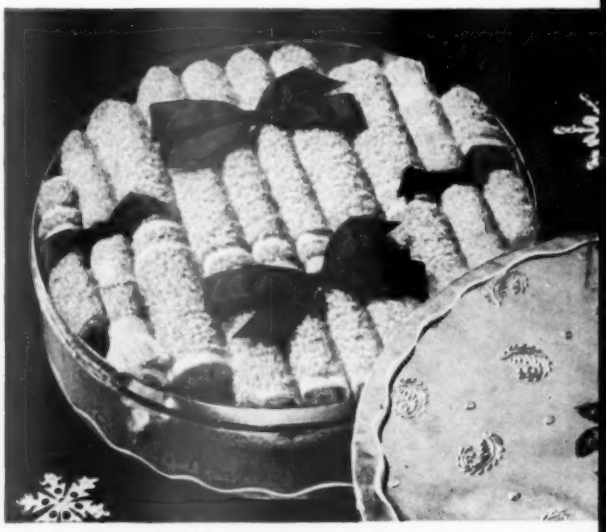

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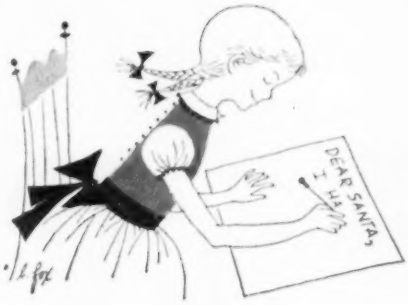


Is belief in jolly St. Nick bad for your child? Will it shake his trust in you when he learns the truth? Here's a defense of the old legend and its effect on children

By Margaret Mary Dunn

We moderns have come to expect everything to be a problem. And to make a problem when none really exists.

It seems to me this is the case when we find parents worrying over the Santa Claus "problem" and the probably disastrous effects of "disillusionment" when children learn Mother "lied" to them. Nonsense!

We have raised three children on the wonderful, rapturous Santa Claus myth. Two of them are many years past the Santa Claus age. But a third child is now enriching our family and our Christmas because he still "believes" in Santa. And I can say emphatically our children never felt disillusioned when they finally and definitely accepted the truth of there being no Santa Claus. Never for a minute did they consider it a lie for us to have let them believe in Santa as long as possible. Quite simply, with good-natured intelligence, they accepted Santa as a part of childhood—outgrown as normally as riding tricycles or licking lollipops.

Nor did Santa Claus ever make our Christmas irreligious. Our family life is God-centered, and the children knew the story of the Nativity from as far back as their memories go.

But at 2, Christmas was only Santa Claus, the hanging of stockings, and a tree on Christmas morning, because that is all a 2-year-old can grasp, just what he can see. Even though, at 2, they were having a simple version of the Nativity read to them for a bedtime story and were taken to church to see the crèche.

However, at 3, it's easy to interweave the story of the Nativity and of Santa Claus. Christmas is Christ's birthday. The Wise Men came on the first Christmas bringing gifts. So we continue to give gifts on Christmas to show our love for the Christ Child and His blessed birthday. But, because we are honoring Christ as the Divine Child, it is children we remember most especially on Christmas. Where does Santa come from? Santa comes from God. Just as everything else we have comes from God, the giver of all gifts.

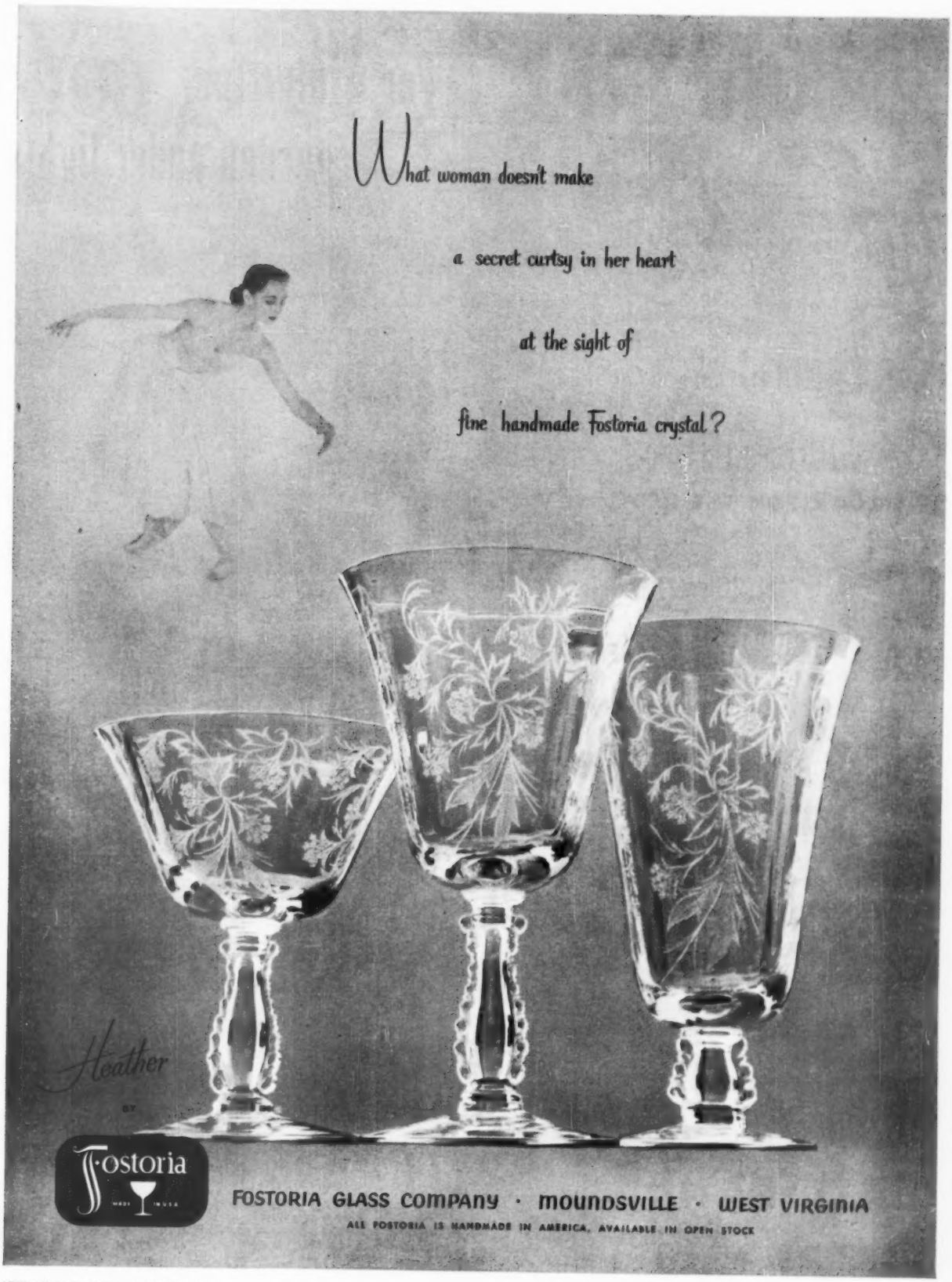
If the emphasis on Santa Claus obliterates the religious significance of Christmas, it would seem to indicate a too materialistic approach by the parents themselves and a lack of proper reverence for the richness and everlasting beauty of a true Christmas.

But what about the inevitable day when Santa can no longer be believed in? From our experience, the in-between years of "maybe there is, maybe there isn't a Santa" are in themselves deliciously exciting. "I know it's you and Daddy give us all the presents," the child coaxes. "Then how come we don't give you as much on your birthday?" Mother replies noncommittally. Until one year the child informs you, "I know there isn't a Santa! I haven't really believed in two years."

"Of course, there's a Santa!" Mother insists with a twinkle in her eye and a finger to her lips. "Don't let the younger children think you don't believe." It's as simple as that. Far from feeling let down, the child goes on now to the trusted and important position of sharing secrets with Mother and Dad—of helping to surprise the younger members of the family.

Why should a child be morose or shocked because Santa is only make-believe? A child's whole world at this age is more imaginative than real! Bears, cowboys, fairy princesses! He know they are all make-believe but enjoys them just the same. And doesn't feel thwarted when he outgrows them.

A happy child won't do any more brooding over his mother "lying" about Santa than he does over her answer to Father when he asks if his present is all bought and Mother says, in pretended horror, [*Turn to page 135*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For winter fun, garden under lights

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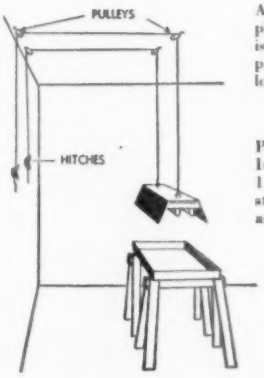
Here's a fluorescent-light setup Bruce Krasberg uses to start tuberous begonias, and to root African-violets, ivy, and other plants

With equipment that cost only $65, Bruce Krasberg of Winnetka, Illinois, has a basement greenhouse—and a hobby he rates tops in satisfaction.

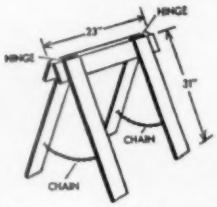
"Last February, I decided to make a setup to start tuberous begonias under lights," he says.

"First, I wanted strong, cool light—so I used double 85-watt fluorescent fixtures. To control the time lights are on, I used an automatic timer. I made watertight pans to hold flats of small pots set in moist vermiculite—so I could water without getting the floor wet. I wanted an outfit I could store easily. So I made folding 'horses' to put the pans on. My tuberous begonias grew beautifully, and I'm pleased with results with other plants."



Adjustable light is kept 16 inches above plants, temperatures average 70. Timer is set for 14-hour period—6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fixture is 16 inches wide, 5 feet long, has two 4,500-degree white bulbs

Pan is built of 24-gauge galvanized steel. It's 2 feet wide, 6½ feet long, with sides 1½ inches high. Edges are folded for strength, smoothness. Watertight corners are overlapped, then riveted and soldered



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Decorator: Marion Heuer, A.I.D.

Try an imaginative arrangement above a large piece of furniture, and you'll be surprised at what a lift it gives a room. Instead of one large picture, notice how two different sizes and shapes are used. The large leaf arrangement helps to "tie" the picture grouping and storage chest together as a unit. This is from the Theodore S. Mayer home

Six easy-to-copy "recipes" of decorating to help you get a more attractive and convenient living room, bedroom, and kitchen

You can have a convenient planning center in a small corner of your kitchen. The kitchen counter surface is dropped down to a convenient table height with a corner hanging shelf above for books.

It's a good idea to include the telephone in your kitchen office plans. You'll find this is a real stepsaver. Idea shown is from the home of Architect Wesley W. Wedemeyer, Ladue, Missouri.

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If these cabinets had projected out from the wall in the conventional way, there wouldn't have been headroom for a breakfast table. Backs of cabinets extend seven inches into a closet which occupies space over a basement stairway. Jack Schaper home, Creve Coeur, Missouri

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Here's an idea!

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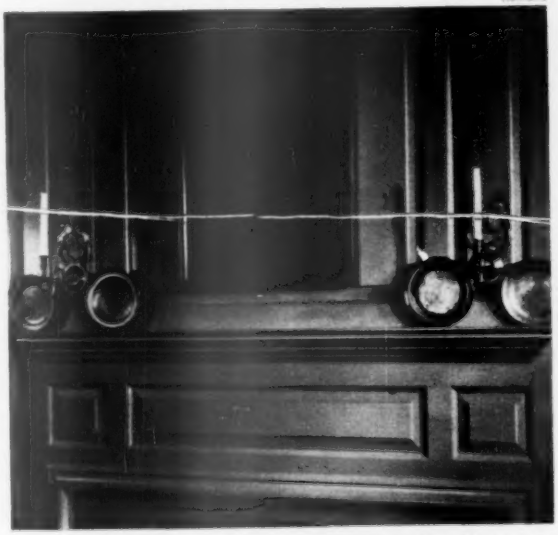

Try this mantel arrangement for a paneled fireplace. It's from the King's Arms Tavern, Colonial Williamsburg. Two pewter sconces are centered on the side panels, flanked by a pair of pewter plates.

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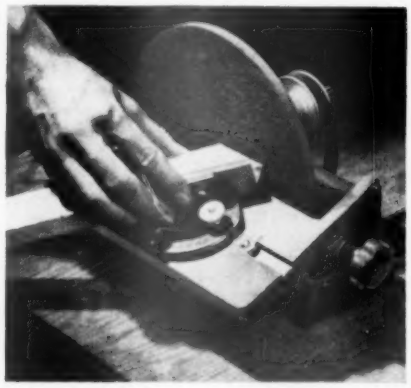

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Edge rounder, 65c. These little gadgets are designed to round off the sharp edge of a board smoothly and speedily, eliminating inaccurate sanding or planing. Tool No. 29 has 1/4- and 3/8-inch holes; No. 28 has 1/8- and 1/16-inch holes. Stanley Tools, New Britain, Conn.

Hammer, $3.65; ax, $1.50. If you've ever had a hammer head fly off, or splintered a handle trying to pull a spike, you will appreciate these one-piece unbreakable tools with nonslip leather handles. Nail hammer and ax are by Estwing Manufacturing Co., Rockford, Ill.

Jig saw, $39.95. This jig saw has 18-inch throat capacity. If you want to cut large panels with a saber blade, upper arm swings out of the way. Chucks hold blades, sabers, files, accessories. Power King jig saw No. 4011 is made by Atlas Press Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.

File card and brush, $1.10. The task of keeping files clean and rust-free is easier with this tool. It includes a conventional wire file card, a fiber brush for whisking away loose grime, a sharp pick for ousting stubborn clogs. It's a product of Henry Disston & Sons, Philadelphia

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Christmas gifts for the handyman

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Ratchet driver, $2.25. The rachet screwdriver, which lets you drive or remove a screw without shifting your hand on the handle, is worth having.

Particularly handy is this fat, stubby model, Yankee No. 12, which lets you work on fairly large screws in tight quarters.

It's made by the North Brothers Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia.

Bench brush, $1.98. If you have a workbench, you need a good bench brush for cleaning up.

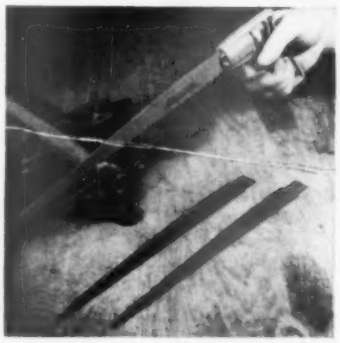
Nothing interferes with good work quite so much as a mess of shavings, sawdust, and scraps, and you just can't clean it up effectively without a brush.

Look for long, reasonably stiff bristles. In picture (left) is Fiber-Kraft brush No. 62382.

Framing square, $4.70. An inaccurate framing square is worse than none at all; an accurate one is invaluable for countless carpentry projects.

Look for a square that is thickest where the two arms come together, for maximum rigidity.

This one is a product of the Nichols Manufacturing Co., Ottumwa, Iowa.



Nest of saws at $2.98. This gun-type saw allows locking of blade in eight different positions.

It comes with 10-tooth blade for hard metals, plaster, rubber, plastics; a 24-tooth blade for thin sheet metals, metal moldings, thin tubing, metal lath; a 7-tooth blade for wood, fiberboard, hardboard. By Millers Falls Co., Greenfield, Mass.

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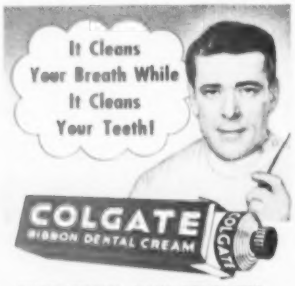

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How to pick

The right books for a child

More than 900 new books for children are published each year. Choosing well from so many titles is tough for any parent. But here's help in your Christmas book shopping from one of the top authorities on children's literature

By Ann Usher

When you take your book dollars to buy a book for your boy or girl, if you're like most parents you're bewildered by the thousands of book titles from which to select!

But now the work of evaluating the new books for children—and reissues of old ones—is being done for you by the University of Chicago Library Center for Children's Books.

The Center was organized in 1945 by Frances Henne, of the Graduate Library School, to help parents, school authorities, and librarians—who cannot see every book that comes off the presses—make their selections wisely.

Approximately 75 percent of the more than 900 books published in this country each year for children are analyzed by the Center's staff.

The Center's evaluations are available through its bulletin, published 11 times a year. All books, whether recommended or not, are listed, with critical comments indicating the strong points and weaknesses of each book. The annotations also indicate the uses to which the book can best be put in the home, classroom, school, and public library. The grade level of each book is given, and developmental values are indicated. The bulletin also lists many instructional materials, books, and pamphlets that are of value to adults working with children. Subscription price of the bulletin is $1.75 a year for the 11 issues.

Some of the standards a book must meet to receive the Center's recommendation are acceptable writing, good characterizations, plausible plots, integrity, and sound human values, both psychological and social. And it should have appeal for the age for which it is written.

The Center objects to "stereotypes" that portray national or racial groups as behaving in unrealistic or out-of-date patterns. Some of Kipling's stories have failed of approval for this reason. Other reasons for disapproval are: "The writing is mediocre"; "stories are dull"; "slight story with an unhealthy emotional situation."

Even some of the favorites of a generation or so ago have not fared well in the Center's bulletin. *Black Beauty*, *The Water Babies*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy*, and *Five Little Peppers* are among the old-timers that have been turned down.

Professor Henne says that parents should themselves read as many as possible of the books they supply their child with, whether from the library or by purchase, so as to be familiar with the contents when the child discusses a book.

By reading aloud in family groups, you can introduce to a child a much more advanced book—because his speaking vocabulary is much greater than his reading vocabulary.

It isn't necessarily true that reading anything is better than reading nothing. A mediocre book may have lots of appeal and a youngster will read it, but he may get from it such undesirable impressions as cheap values, melodramatic situations, and so forth. Be sure your child has a wide range of good books, so that if, later on, he doesn't read very much or doesn't read at all, it is not because he hasn't had a fair chance.

Here is a list of children's books selected especially for *Better Homes & Gardens* readers by Mary K. Eakin, librarian in charge of the University of Chicago Library Center for Children's Books. The books listed were published in 1951 and 1952 and are typical of the best of the various types of books available. The list does not represent *all* of the good books. For instance, modesty forbade including the two *Better Homes & Gardens* books for children—our famous Story Book and the newer Second Story Book.

Retail bookshops or book departments should have them, or can order them for you, at about the prices indicated.

Do your Christmas book shopping early, aided by this list of approved books. No gift requires more thought and care in selection than a book for a child.

Books to read aloud

Looking-for-something, by Ann Nolan Clark; illustrated by Leo Politi. Viking. 55 pages; $2.50.
A small gray burro wanders over Ecuador looking for he knows not what, until he finds a small boy, and that's what he wanted. Beautifully illustrated.

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain, by Alice Dalgliesh; illustrated by Helen Sewell. Scribner's. 58 pages; $2.
A small boy goes over Hemlock Mountain alone at night. Illustrations reflect the humor and folk-tale quality of the story.

Mouse Manor, by Edward McMaken Eager; illustrated by Beryl Bailey Jones. Ariel. 51 pages; $2.
One day, a small mouse who lived during Victoria's reign went to see the queen. The illustrations capture the spirit of the fantasy and of the period.

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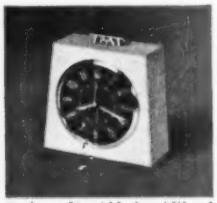

Cathay—New! Modern! Blond or mahogany finish. Electric alarm. 5" tall. Plain dial, $8.95†. Luminous, $9.95†.

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Books for a child

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The Busy Man, by Vana Earle. Lothrop. 26 pages; $1.75.
The Busy Man, who lives in a shack on the edge of town, does all the things, such as putting "Happy Birthday" on birthday cakes or sailing boats in the park's pond, that seem important to young children. Full-color illustrations and brief text.

Mr. T. W. Anthony Woo, by Marie Hall Ets. Viking. 54 pages; $2.
A cat, a dog, and a mouse lived with a cobbler and quarreled constantly until the cobbler's bossy sister moved in and the animals learned the value of working together.

Cow Concert, by Earle Godenow. Knopf. 28 pages; $1.50.
A girl in Switzerland teaches her father's cows to play music on their bells and wins the local bell-ringing contest.

The Lost Tugboat, by Nils Hogner. Abelard. 35 pages; $2.
The tugboat, *Betty Ann*, starts out to help bring some barges up the bay, gets lost in the fog, and ends up bringing a large ocean liner into port.

The Bundle Book, by Krauss; pictures by Helen Stone. Harper. 26 pages; $1.75.
A small child and her mother play a guessing game. The child hides under a blanket and Mother tries to guess what the bundle is. Illustrated in pastels.

A Hole Is to Dig, by Krauss; pictures by Maurice Sendak. Harper. 46 pages—$1.50, board; $1.75, cloth.
A first book of first definitions. The logic and humor of the definitions will appeal to children and their parents. Illustrations have unusual verve and humor.

One Morning in Maine, by McCloskey. Viking. 64 pages; $2.50.
A memorable day in Sally's life when she loses her first tooth. Illustrated with the humor and meticulous detail for which McCloskey is famous.

The Horse Who Had His Picture in the Paper, by Phyllis Louise McGinley; pictures by Helen Stone. Lippincott. 48 pages; $2.
Joey, the horse, wants to bring fame to his owner and finally succeeds by getting his picture in the paper as the first one across a new bridge.

The Blue-eyed Pussy, by Egon Mathiesen; translated from the Danish by Karen Rye. Doubleday. 111 pages; $2.
Amusing story of the blue-eyed cat who was spurned by the other cats because of the color of his eyes until he proved his valor by ridding the valley of a vicious dog.

Jeanne-Marie Counts Her Sheep, by Francoise. Scribner's. 33 pages; $2.
A little French girl counts her sheep before they are born and plans what she will do with the money their wool will bring. Somewhat stylized illustrations in gay colors.

The Santa Claus Bears, by Dorothy Sherrill. Crowell. 54 pages; $1.50.
Roly and Poly, two Teddy bears, help Santa Claus by delivering Christmas presents to the animals. Slight story but the small size of the book will make it pleasing as a "stocking" gift.

All Falling Down, by Zion; pictures by Margaret Bloy Graham. Harper. 26 pages; $1.75.
Beginning nature concepts are presented as the child observes the things around him that fall—leaves, shadows, rain, snows, water from the fountain, etc.

Books for the 7- to 9-year-olds

Garden Spider, by Mary Adrian; illustrated by Ralph Ray. Holiday House. 38 pages; $2.
The life story of a garden spider told in simple style. An excellent book to use as beginning nature-study material.

When Jenny Lost Her Scarf, by Esther Averill. Harper. 31 pages; $1.50.
Jenny, Captain Tinker's black cat, loses her scarf but finds it, with the help of her pals, in time to enjoy the cats' annual picnic.

Maui's Summer, by Arnold Edwin Bare. Houghton. 44 pages $2.50.
Maui is a small boy living in the Hawaiian Islands who spends a happy summer traveling through the Islands with some friends from the States.

Country Garage, by Jerrold Beim; pictures by Louis Darling. Morrow. 48 pages; $2.
A small boy helps around his uncle's garage and proves his ability to think and act during a crisis.

All Around You, by Jeanne Bendick. Whittlesey House. 48 pages; $2.
Simple nature lore explaining natural phenomena such as day and night, thunder and lightning, and common plants and animals.

Kristie's Buttercup, by Emma Lillian Brock. Knopf. 86 pages; $2.50.
Story of Buttercup, a Holstein

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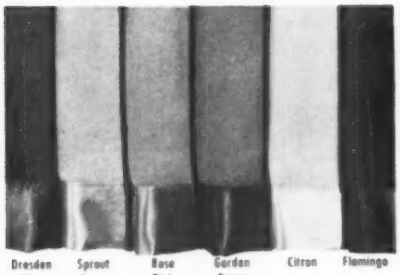

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1 tablespoon salt
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EASY DATE BARS

Stir together: 3½ cups Crisco cookie mix, ½ cup light brown sugar, ½ tsp. baking powder. Add and mix thoroughly: 3 eggs, 4 tbsp. milk, 1 tsp. vanilla. Stir in: 1 cup chopped dates, 1 cup chopped nuts. Blend well. Pour into pan 8" x 8" brushed with Crisco. Bake at 375°F. 20-25 mins. Cool and cut into strips. Makes 100 doz.

SUGAR COOKIES

Stir together: 2 cups Crisco cookie mix, ¾ cup sugar, 1 tsp. baking powder, ½ cup all-purpose flour. Add: 1 egg, 1 tsp. vanilla. Blend well. Dough is soft. Roll out ¼" to ½" thick on floured board or pastry cloth. Cut with floured cookie cutter. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake 375°F. 8-10 mins. Makes 4 doz.

MOLASSES COOKIES

Stir together: 2 cups Crisco cookie mix, ¾ cup all-purpose flour, ¾ cup light brown sugar, 1½ tsps. soda, ½ tsp. each ground cloves and ginger, 1 tsp. cinnamon. Add 1 egg, 3 tbsps. molasses. Stir vigorously, chill dough. Roll ½" thick on floured board. Cut with floured cookie cutter. Bake same as Sugar Cookies. Makes 4 doz.

SNOWY BROWNIES

Stir together: 1½ cups Crisco cookie mix, 1½ cups sugar, ½ tsp. baking powder. Add: 3 eggs, 3 sqs. baking chocolate melted, 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix well and add ½ cup chopped nuts. Bake in 9" x 9" x 2" pan brushed with Crisco at 375°F. 25-30 mins. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. When cool, cut into 1½" squares. Makes 3 doz.

NOEL NUT BALLS

Stir together: 2 cups Crisco cookie mix, ½ cup confectioners' sugar, sifted. Add: 1 tbsp. orange juice, 1 tsp. vanilla, ¾ cup chopped nuts. Blend well (dough is somewhat crumbly). Mold into 1" balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet 1" apart. Bake 375°F. 12-15 mins. Roll in confectioners' sugar while hot. Makes 3 doz.

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By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Plastic plant food soon available

Ureaform or Uraform, a slow-dissolving plastic plant food with distinct advantages over both organic and chemical fertilizers, probably will be on the market for use by home gardeners next spring.

A combination of urea, an organic form of nitrogen, and formaldehyde, Uraform releases its nitrogen at a constant rate over several months. Rate of release does not depend on bacteria action, as is true with manures and most other forms of organic plant food.

A single application of Uraform in spring will feed a lawn, vegetable garden, or flower border throughout the entire season. There is no danger of burning because the nitrogen is released slowly.

Because of its high nitrogen content (about 38 percent), a single pound of Uraform covers about 500 square feet of lawn if you follow usual rates of application. Heavier application is possible, however, without danger to plants.

Hybrid spinach on the way

Dr. H. M. Munger of Cornell University predicted last spring that hybrid asparagus and hybrid spinach might be desirable new vegetables for American gardens. He also said hybrid beets, carrots, muskmelons, cauliflower, and broccoli were possibilities.

At recent meetings of the American Society for Horticultural Science, several vegetable breeders reported that necessary parent plants for producing hybrid spinach have been bred. This doesn't mean hybrid spinach will be introduced soon, however. Much work remains in crossing and testing varieties.

File this for next summer

A common misconception is that chiggers burrow into the skin of humans and stay there. Fact is, they drop off after digging in and feeding at the base of hairs on the skin. The itching sensation comes from the poison they leave in the bite—and no amount of squeezing will "pop out" the offending pest. It just isn't there.

Thus far, the best ways to control chiggers are to spray shoes and outer clothing with a hydrogenated rotenone bomb, and to spray or dust areas where you eat or play outdoors with lindane or DDT.

For pest-free potting soil

Pressed into the soil at intervals, gelatine-coated capsules containing ethylene dibromide are effective in ridding the garden of soil pests that damage vegetable crops. They also will destroy nematodes, bacteria,

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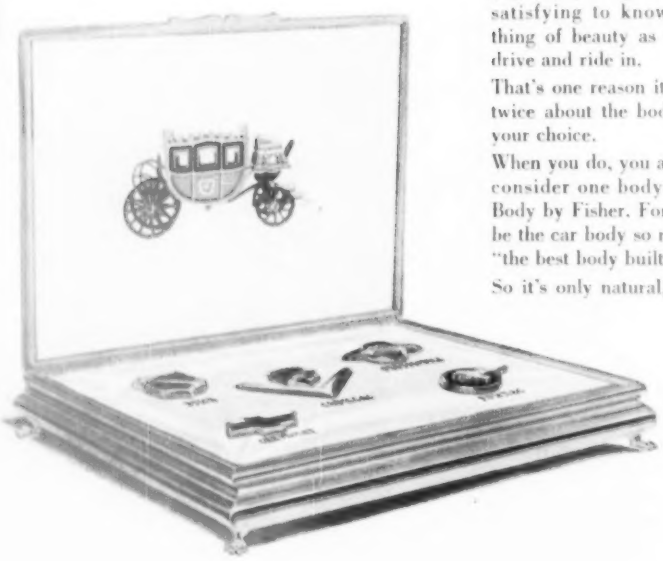

APPEARANCE, of course, is far from everything. But it's still very satisfying to know your car is a thing of beauty as well as a joy to drive and ride in.

That's one reason it is well to think twice about the body on the car of your choice.

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fungi, weed seeds, and other pests in potting soil when used in a different way.

Fill a ½-gallon glass jar to within an inch of the top with damp, but not soaking wet, soil. Drop capsule into jar and seal the lid *tightly* for safety. Shake jar once or twice. Store for a day or two where temperatures are above 60 but less than 90 degrees.

Before opening, take jar outdoors, remove lid, and let stand a day or two with soil in it. Then dump out on a smooth surface, spread slightly, and leave exposed to air two weeks before using.

If you want to destroy nematodes, use a quart jar instead of ½-gallon size, as a double dose is needed.

Compost substitute for lawns

Short of top-dressing for your lawn? Tests in the South indicate a synthetic compost made of sawdust, sewage sludge, soil, and calcium cyanamide is equal to peatmoss for this purpose.

The formula calls for 1 part sludge, 3 parts weathered sawdust (from piles exposed to air for a year or more), and 6 parts of good loam. Add 5 pounds of calcium cyanamide to each cubic yard of the mixture.

Insect attraction

Scientists at the University of California in Berkeley have advanced a reason why insects attack diseased plants more readily than healthy ones. Diseased foliage is higher in many essential foods than healthy foliage. Possibly these foods are not used up as rapidly by a weak plant and so accumulate, attracting insects.

Don't count your chickens

A large number of blossoms on squash vines doesn't mean a large number of fruits will follow, according to the New York State Experiment Station. The abundance of blossoms on squash, melons, and cucumbers is a provision of nature to insure pollination when it is needed. A set of two or three fruits to a vine is normal.

The ratio of male to female blossoms may be as high as 10 or even 20 to 1. The male or pollen-producing flowers dry up and fall off. A small percentage of the female blossoms develop into normal fruit.

Sawdust recipe

Mix in 7 pounds of nitrate of soda or sulfate of ammonia per 100 pounds of sawdust when using this material as a mulch, the West Virginia Extension Service recommends. For best results, use year-old sawdust.

Your soil and root crops

Crooked, forked carrots often result when this root crop is grown in packed, clay soils. More puzzling to home gardeners, however, is why their carrots sometimes are misshapen when grown in loose, loamy soil suitable for carrots. The answer is probably too much acidity.

Although carrots will grow in soils quite acid, they branch and fork more than if you grow them in soil with a pH (acidity-alkilinity ratio) of 6.2 and up.

If beets grow badly in your garden, chances are the soil needs lime. Beets are extremely sensitive to acid soil. They show the lack of calcium by growing short, with somewhat deformed leaves.

Before

This attic space was transformed into a valuable room (see below).

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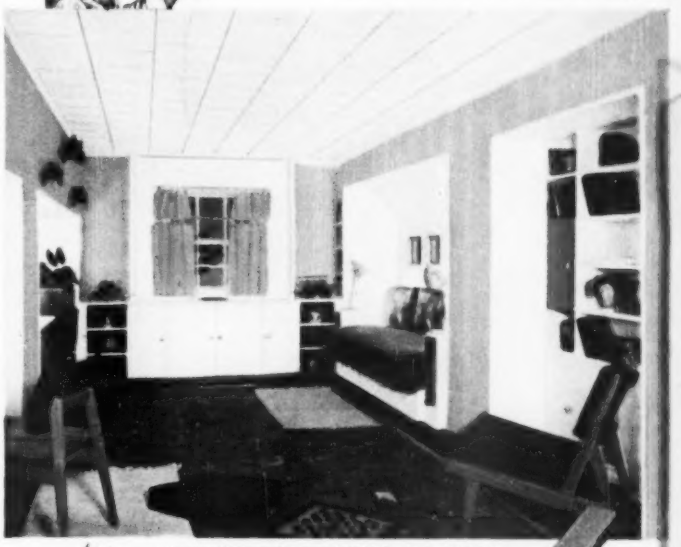

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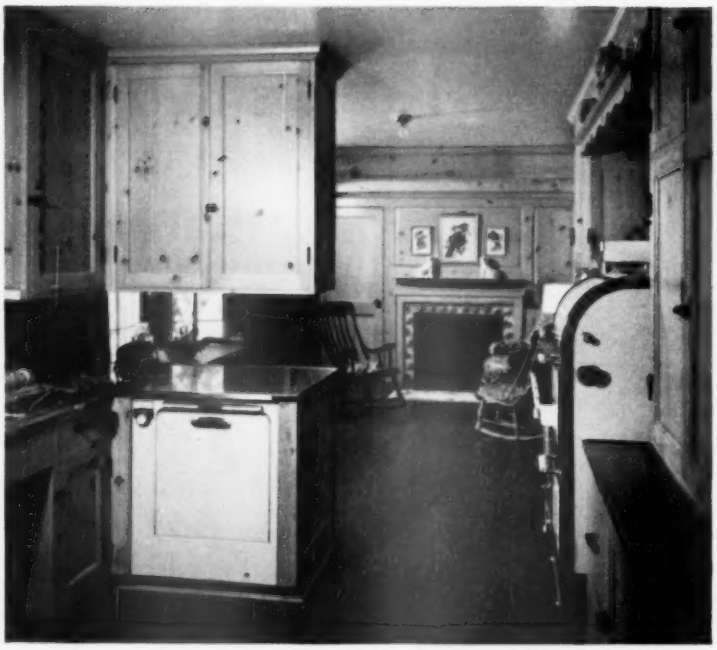
Recipe for a family kitchen

By Jessie Walker

Picture your home with an inviting kitchen like this one. It doesn't even look like the popular idea of a kitchen, does it? But it's a perfect blending of friendly charm and easy-going practicality.

This kitchen was added on to a large, farmhouse-type home. The old kitchen—a typical all-white room—became the study. The William Prestons, Glencoe, Illinois, will tell you the addition is paying big dividends. It has just naturally become the family's favorite gathering place. With a kitchen as inviting as this one, you'll find that parties seem to have a way of always ending up here, too.

The clever use of accessories is one of the things that makes this kitchen so inviting. There is as much attention to details here as in any other room in the home.



It's one big room, but the built-out counter (that extends over the dishwasher) and the shelves attached to the ceiling, give a feeling of separation to the working and relaxing areas of this large living-kitchen

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Friendly, relaxed meals are a habit in this kitchen. The table is close enough to the divider-pass-through to make setting and clearing the table an easy matter. Notice how the cabinets above the pass-through are open on both kitchen and dining sides

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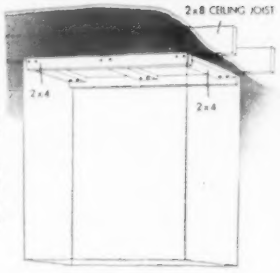
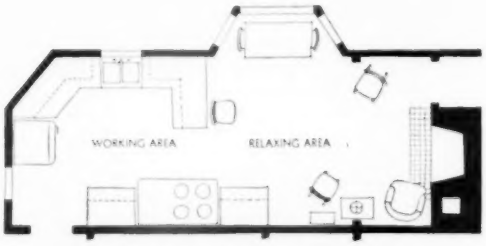


Here's how to attach cabinets to the ceiling. With long screws, attach 2x4s to two ceiling joists.

Then attach a 2x4 on either side of ones screwed to ceiling joists. This is a supporting frame for the hanging cabinets.



The two areas of this family kitchen are separated by furniture and equipment arrangement. The working area is in a compact U-shape at one end of the long room. The architect: James Ticknor

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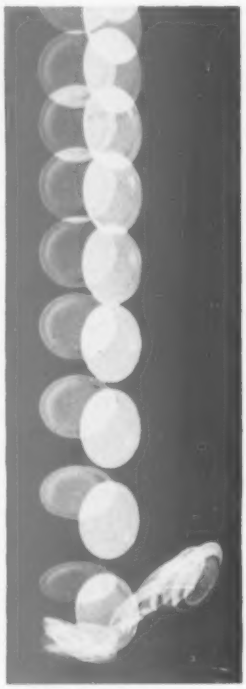

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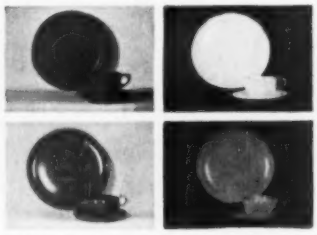

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Family kitchen

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This fireplace is one of the reasons the kitchen gets round-the-clock use. This part of the room is as comfortable and cozy as any living room. Some of the family's treasured accessories have been used here on walls and table to add interest and distinction to fireside grouping

There's no rule about what kind of accessories can be used in the kitchen. Just see how this handsome grandfather clock adds charm to the room. Those pictures (like those over the fireplace in the photograph above) are calendar bird prints given simple pine frames

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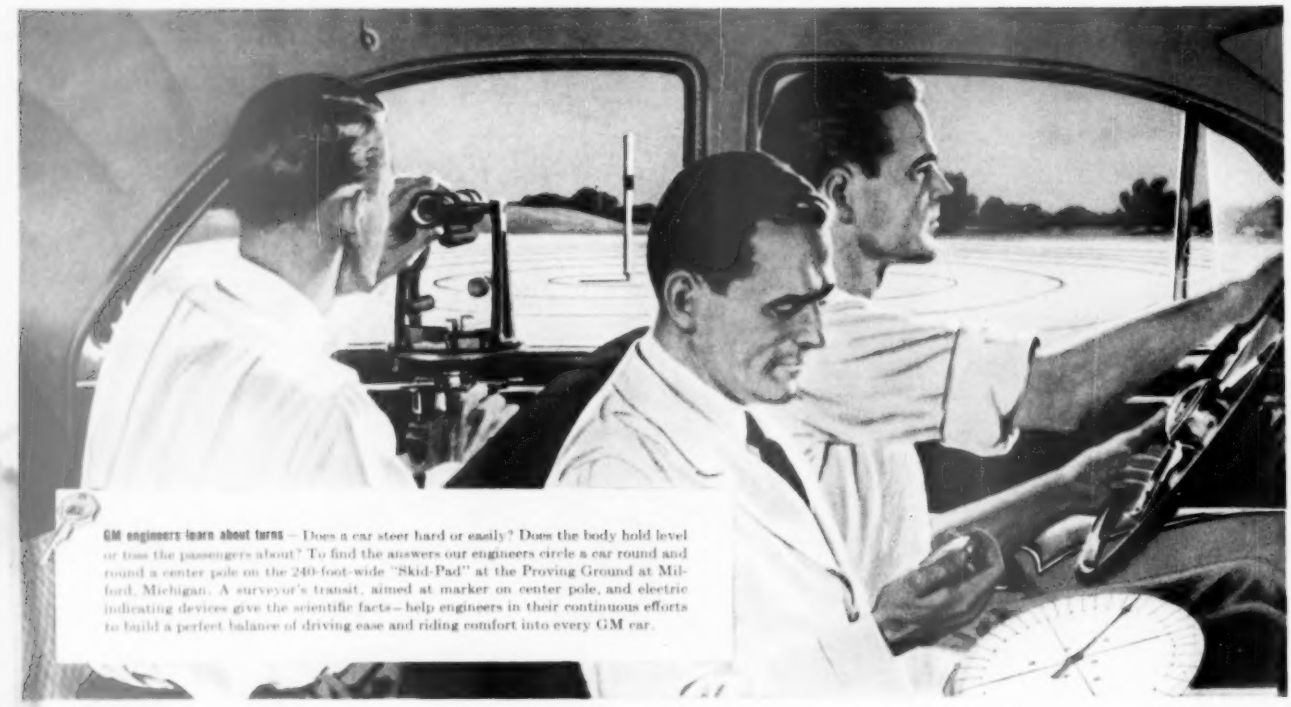

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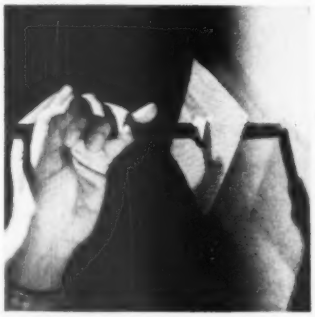
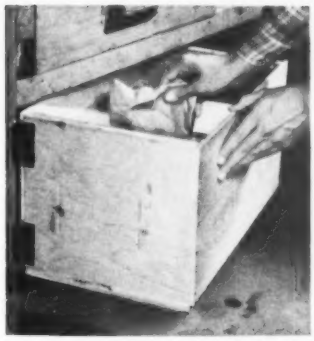


New dodge for chiselers. Here's a way to keep flying chips out of your eyes when you use a star drill or cold chisel on stone or concrete.

Cut a piece of screen wire about 6 inches square, then punch a hole in its center and slip it over the tool.

Anchor this shield with a pair of snug rubber washers cut from an old inner tube.

Jerry Stagman
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Fruition. About the handiest storage space in my shop is this swinging drawer made from a discarded fruit box.

The large box is hinged to one leg of my workbench and swings in and out from its flush position with ease.

I use it for those bulky (but light) items that used to clutter "official" drawers.

Hi Sibley
Nuevo, California

Photographs: Stanley

Tile guile. To simplify the cutting of floor tiles, I use my circular saw.

For rubber, linoleum, and cork tiles, a hollow-ground blade cuts evenly and with no dulling of the blade's edge.

For asphalt tile, however, you'll do better to use a thin, abrasive, metal-cutting wheel, because this material will dull regular blades in short order.

John Dombrowski
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wax works. I wipe each tool with waxed paper after I've used it. This leaves a thin (but adequate) coating of wax to forestall rust.

It's fine for surfaces that might spoil work if oily (such as the top of a bench saw or bottom of a plane).

If you don't have a roll of waxed paper, a bread wrapper or the inside of a breakfast-food box works as well.

Henry Long
Boston, Massachusetts

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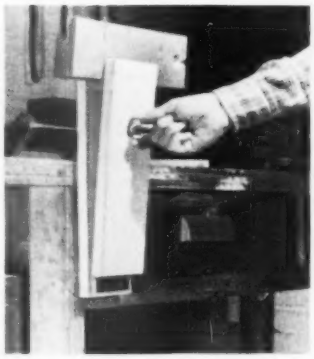

What vise glory. Here's a homemade vise that will hold your smaller jobs securely.

Two lengths of 1-inch board are hinged at their lower ends. Inside board is secured to bench by a row of large screws.

Tighten with a wing nut on a 6-inch bolt, set low enough so the mouth of the vise can take sizable work.

Louis Meuzelaar
Thornton, Illinois

Cordeal. When a power-tool belt breaks (and a replacement isn't available) substitute a section of rubber lamp cord temporarily.

Add a couple of inches to length of the belt so wires inside cord can be twisted together. Wrap friction tape around the splice.

This emergency belt will serve the purpose until a new one can be obtained.

Victor Lamoy
Upper Jay, New York

Straw boss. The short spout on a can of light household oil sometimes makes it hard to reach a recessed spot.

Take charge of these jobs by placing a drinking straw over the tip of the spout.

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Hazel Allen
Ames, Iowa

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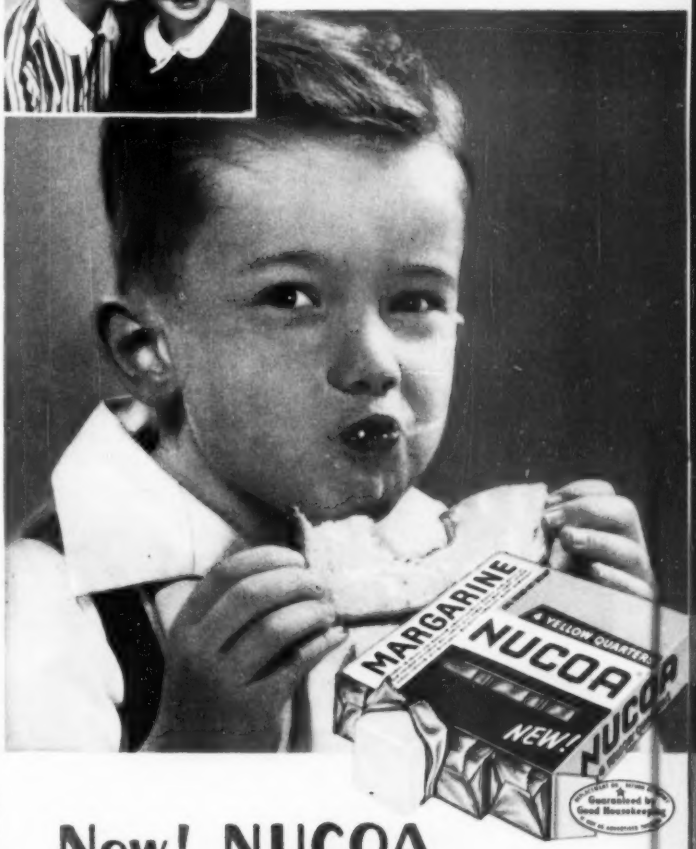

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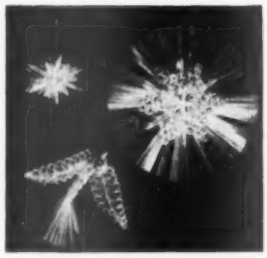

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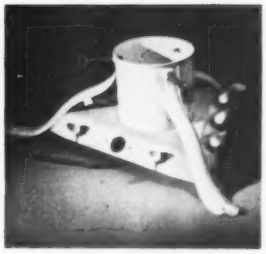

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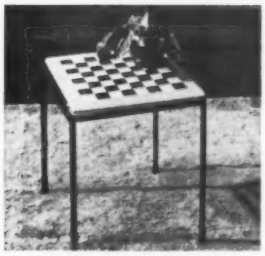

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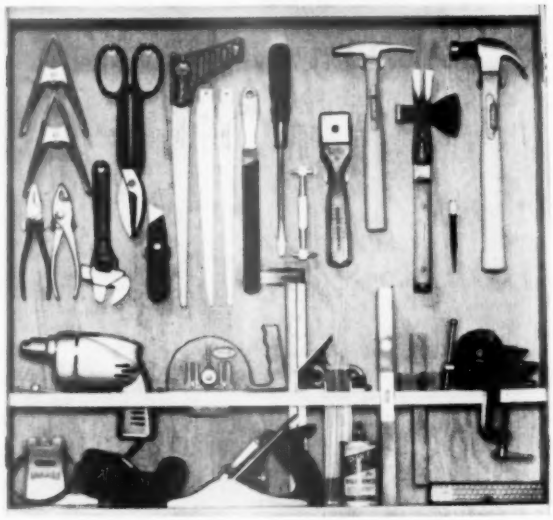
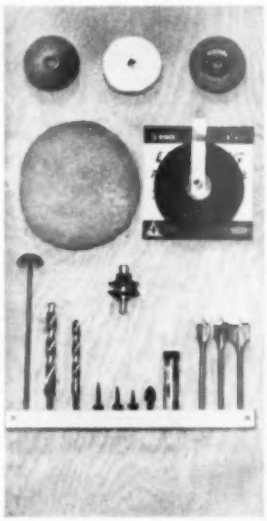
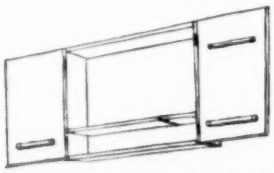


Power drill is a portable "muscle," saving much fatiguing labor. Supplements selection of basic hand tools. Above: spring clamps, pliers, wrench, tin snips, trimming knife, saws, file, screwdriver, scriber, scraper, tack hammer, wrecking tool, nail set, hammer, ¼" drill, rotary saw, plane, combination square, folding rule, oil, level, marking gauge, oilstone, vise. See additional tools mounted on chest doors in photographs below. Tool kit (63 pieces) in chest, $97.50, f.o.b. Patterson Brothers, 15 Park Row, New York 38, New York



Power-drill accessories are mounted on chest door: wire wheel, buffer, grinder, wool buffer cap, sanding discs, arbor, paint mixer, drills, "Screw Mates," countersink, augers



Tool chest is 31½" wide, 28½" high, and 4⅝" deep when closed. With doors opened out, it's 60"

Additional hand tools hang on left door: awl, glass cutter, putty knife, crosscut saw, chisels, screwdriver, rattail file. All tools are easily accessible when the chest doors are open

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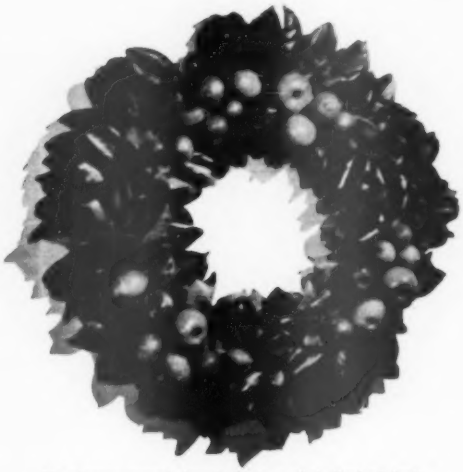
This joyous season let your home reflect both the quiet peace and gaiety of Christmas. To help you brighten your house, we show you how to make most of the decorations you see here and on the next six pages

By Fae Huttenlocher

Christmas radiance *Continued*

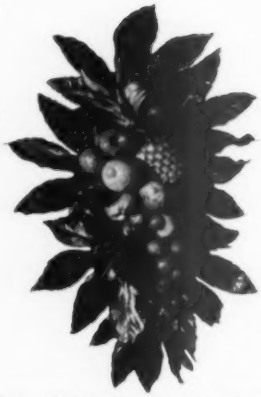
For good cheer indoors and out—

Hang a wreath of cranberries and magnolia leaves on a white door or a painted fireplace wall. To make wreath, stick rosy berries to cardboard circle; surround with leaves



Handsome wreath has 3 clusters of shellacked fruit arranged on magnolia leaves. It was designed for you by the garden club, South Laguna Beach, California

Your door, merrily decorated, is a welcome to all comers



A cluster of fruit makes a tempting decoration for a door or paneled wall. Coat fresh fruit with plastic paint or use artificial fruits for this arrangement; wire securely to green branches

St. Nick is at the door to greet folks. Cut red cardboard to fit door. Then paste on Santa mask, belt, mittens, boots

Ring in the season! You use bells of all sizes to form the one big bell. Open folding paper bells halfway; tape to your door in a bell outline. Tie a pretty bow and hang on the top

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A tree festively adorned is a delight to see →

1 White paper tree has a feathery look. You buy it any size; then trim with beads, balls

2 Angels gaze out of branches of felt tree. Cut 3-tiered tree of felt. Paste on cardboard. Hang it on wall; place table below

3 Clever umbrella tree, from San Francisco Museum of Art, is decked with tiny bows and balls. Half-open a green umbrella; secure to box; trim with ribbons, ornaments

4 A trio of cardboard trees for your mantel or buffet. Pipe cleaners hold parts together

5 Plastic soldiers stand at attention on this patriotic tree. You give tree a frosty coat; hang on striped balls; top with several flags

6 Make a peanut tree for your table. Shape chicken wire into cone; fill with green excelsior. String with gilded peanuts; add balls

7 Smart plywood tree is easy to make. Tray holds balls. When you have open house, fill tray with snacks, stand tree on coffee table

8 Bows galore trim a tree. Have small ones at top, bigger ones below. Add bright balls

9 Dress up folding paper trees with tinsel and big sequins. Use on Christmas tables

10 Modern-looking Chinese-red tree is made by nailing wooden coat hangers on a tapering pole. Cut hangers different lengths

11 The youngest to the oldest will love this storybook tree. Trace figures from children's books on building board, cut out, paint. You'll use them for years to come

On page 44 you'll see table decorations

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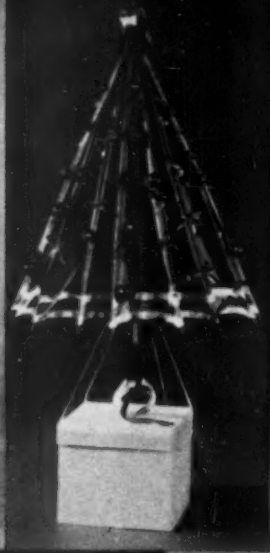

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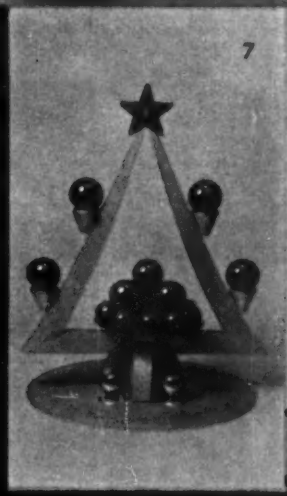
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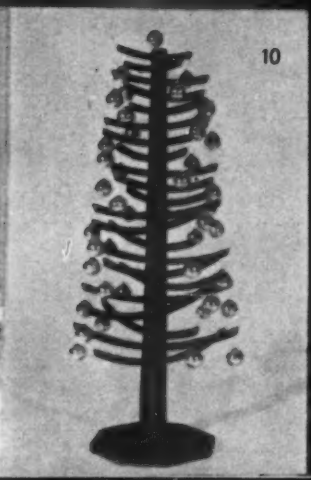
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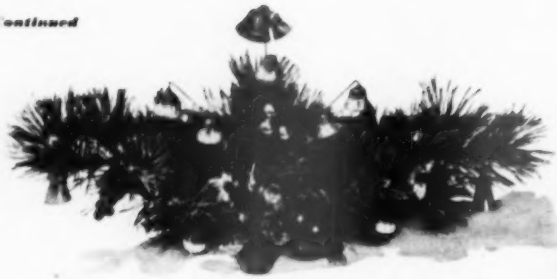
Christmas radiance *Continued*

Deck your Christmas tables in finery. Use gay decorations, greenery, bright linens



For the *big* dinner with ever so many guests, decorate a long table with sprays of evergreen. Stick greens in needlepoint holders for added height. Then hang ornaments in clusters near the center of each arrangement

Stunning yet simple. Fish bowl has a resplendent air. You fill it with varicolored glass balls; encircle with a ribbon. Use greens for fresh contrast, and candlelight to reflect colors

Let a serene Madonna add dignity to your buffet or hall table. Arrange figure in a bowl, and frame with holly sprigs, candles

White dinnerware looks striking on an elaborate cloth. You may like to design your own with matching napkins. Draw figures on red or green cloth; paint or embroider

Proud Santas watch over the goodies! Chubby felt stockings hold napkins and silver. See punch in huge, party-size mug. The jovial men and polka-dot stockings were created by Los Angeles Assistance League for welfare sale

Red felt cloth makes a punch table memorable. (See below.) Cut snowmen, snowflakes, trees from felt; attach with casein-rubber cement; cloth will be a hit on your tea table, too

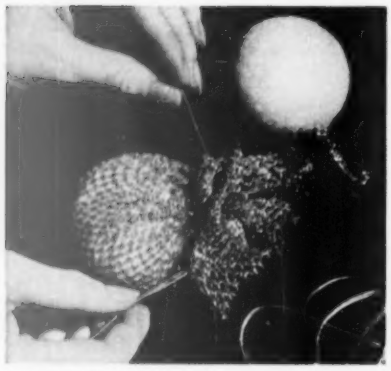
White plastic reindeer with sleigh brings drama to your dinner table. For his path, fleck a white tablecloth with sequin stars. To complete this delightful setting, use red glass plates and green glass tumblers

On page 46 we show how to make Christmas-tree ornaments

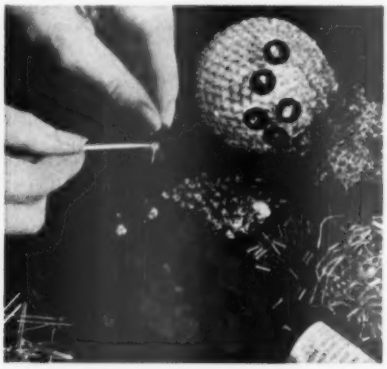
Christmas radiance *Continued*

Array your tree in sequined bells, colorful balls, and spangled stars.

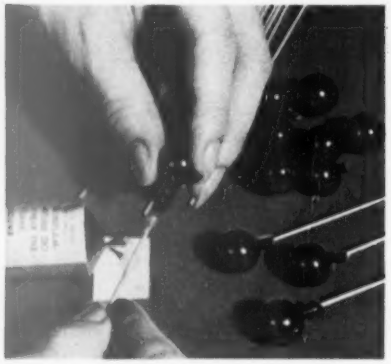
You can add new glow to ready-made ones or fashion your own dazzlers



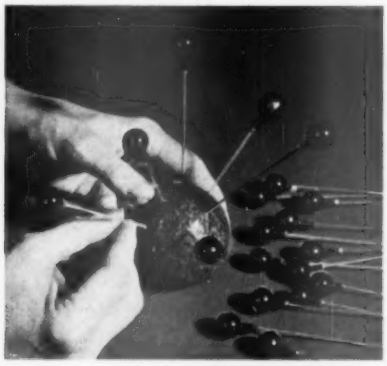
Bag o' gold may be yours! Wrap a plastic-foam ball in gold metallic mesh. Smooth the mesh around ball. Tie tightly with strong gold cord; let ends bunch



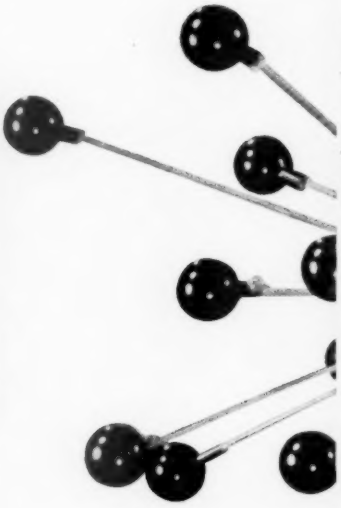
Run a long pin through a small gold sequin, large magenta sequin, and a gold bead. Stick the pins into the ball. For variety, use sequins of other colors, too



Porcupine wonder ball makes a grand splash of color. Tint applicator sticks blue; put a drop of glue on end of each, insert into small glass Christmas balls



Cut sticks different lengths; then push into plastic-foam ball, painted red. Tie on a cord and loop it over a branch. Make several of these balls for your tree

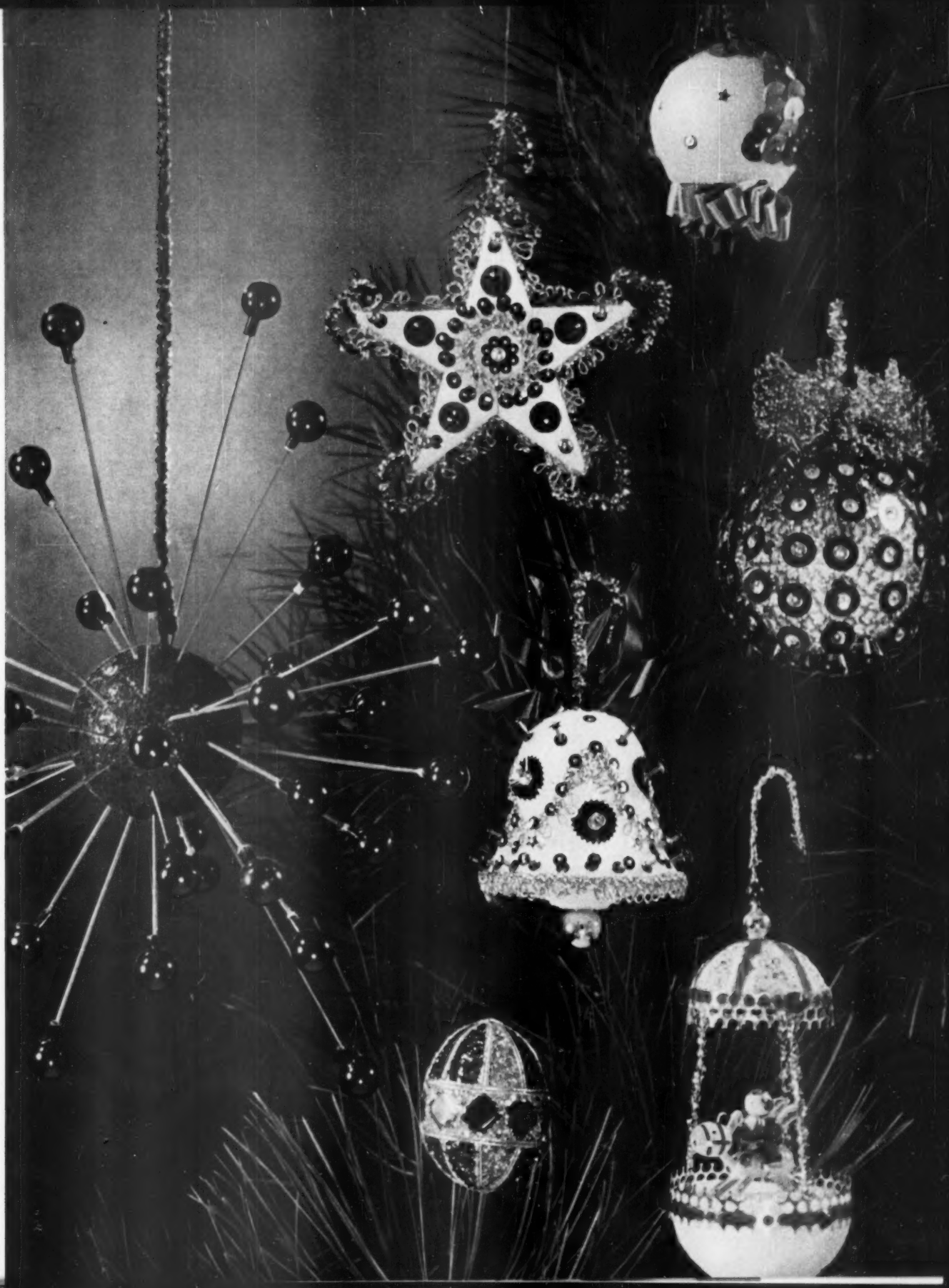


Designs by Los Angeles Assistance League

Glitter egg is sure to catch all eyes. To make it, use plastic egg or poke a tiny hole in large end of egg and shake out contents. Draw the design as shown

With household cement, stick gold braid over lines. Put cement on sections and dip into various colors of glitter. Last, add big sequins to the center band

You'll see more ideas for holiday trims on page 103



Big brick fireplace is a cheery island between two living areas. It's open on both sides—look past the flames, and you catch a glimpse of dining-sitting room. Tiles set color scheme. John Hammerel home at Long Lake, Minnesota

In the dining area, cherry drop-leaf table stands under pass-through to kitchen, to leave room for reading corner, and pair of deacon's benches by the hearth. Behind the half-wall at the back of this room there's a tiny den. See floor plan on page 108

Color, comfort, and cheer

By Kathryn Larson

WHEN you plan your decorating, think first of color. You want a home that looks cool in summer, snug in winter. This slate-blue and white scheme is basically cool, but combine it with cherry red and gold, and see how it glows. Comfort is in two parts—the relaxed ease you offer your guests, which calls for plenty of cushioned chairs; and week-in, week-out easy upkeep. And cheer? You'll find that next to your crackling hearth, when the snow lies deep outside.

Deep valance, hung from ceiling, covers wall above windows. Blinds are painted to match woodwork. The hand-braided circular rug repeats cherry-red and gold accents

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A snack for Santa Claus always rates a note of thanks from him

Parents of small children reap the best rewards of the season

We join forces in the kitchen to crack nuts, bake

Take time for Christmas memories

[illegible]gan with a family; that's why it has such a [illegible] on the heart, why it's important to endow our children with memories of home and Christmas they will treasure

I help them select toys to be mended for less-fortunate boys

Let them share in every phase; the boys wrap their own gifts

By Marjorie Holmes

It is the day before Christmas.

The cookies are crisp in the kitchen and the last late cards are mailed. The sleigh bells on the front door make clamorous music each time the children dash in and out. Then suddenly they are gone, the lot of them, husband and all, on those mysterious, last-minute errands they always remember in the late afternoon. Except for a radio carol and the contented crackling of the fire before which our big dog dreams, I am alone in a house gone still.

Each of us has a moment when, if at all, the Christmas spirit seems to come rushing into him, so poignant, so all-consuming, it is almost not to be held. For me, then, this is the time. The hour each year when I simply have to sit down and give the emotion full sway.

The symbols of Christmas are all about—the mistletoe, the holly. The tree graces the window like a shining silver queen. And sniffing its tangy scent (Nature's own frankincense and myrrh), I ponder its significance. Just what do such symbols mean? Not in relation to ancient gods and customs—Hertha who danced in the smoke of burning boughs upon the hearth, the mistletoe that slew Balder

Reserve their own store-window day

Photographs: George Heyer—Pix

Trimming the tree—a ritual or a formality?

the Beautiful and thereafter grieved for love—but to me and my household; in fact to all households.

And it comes to me that we find Christmas worthy of so much effort because it began first of all with a *family*. Man, woman, and child in a stable. A place that, however alien and humble, was for a little while their home. That perhaps is why this particular holiday has such power over parents' hearts. Why we yearn to shelter our young in houses made gay with greens and festive with lights. Why we gather them with us about snug fires, let them stuff themselves with sweets we normally would ration, and give them every gift labor and love can devise. Why, above all, we strive, whether consciously or not, to endow them with memories of home and Christmas they will treasure all their lives.

There are, it seems to me, two key ideas when it comes to creating enduring Christmas memories. The one: *Take time to enjoy it*. The other: *Let the family share in every phase*.

Why, for instance, does this particular tree at this moment fill me with such delight? Because it brings the family surging back into the house—my husband with his hat brim cockeyed as he hauled it triumphantly through the door, our 5-year-old impishly straddling a branch and trying to ride while his big brother attempted with equal vigor to drag him off. It brings back sounds of hammering and sawing in the basement as the three of them built its support. And the scene of its trimming, with teen-agers munching popcorn from the strings and pitching icicles at daughter, Mickie, perched precariously atop the stepladder, her hair as bright upon her shoulders as that of the angel she was clipping to a twig.

The ornaments on its branches recall our excitement when we came upon an old secondhand store and found them in a musty bin. Ancient discards from the days when churches had old-fashioned Christmas trees ceiling-tall. Fragile glass birds with tinsel tails, elfin bells, parasols, flowers, stars, a tiny carousel—a bit tarnished, true, a bit battle-scarred, but still a veritable treasure, the like of which is no longer seen. And we got the lot for a couple of dollars!

No, it's not this tree of itself that any of us will remember. It will be all the trips to all the spicily scented markets to find, each year, the perfect one. It will be all the confusion and comedy of the trimmings. It will be the time the lights kept blowing the fuses, and the time the cat nearly pulled it over; it will be all the trees we've ever had and enjoyed because we've enjoyed them *together*, every phase of every one.

We know a very efficient family where the tree is ordered by telephone. "They send us choice ones, really," is the explanation, "and it saves all that bother of trailing around and picking out, to say nothing of getting them home." From a safe distance the children are allowed to watch the fireproofing and the spraying that will keep it from shedding—then shooed out while Mother trims. All day long she labors, carefully hanging each strip of silver, symmetrically attaching each bright ball. Finally, exhausted but proud, she summons the youngsters back to admire what is truly her work of art.

No lopsided arrangements here, no branches looking like overfeathered chickens, or skinny, half-plucked ones. No paper chains stickily pasted in kindergarten; no home-made bangles and do-dads. But also, one can't help thinking—no fun!

This same woman is the joy of post office and clerks. She does her Christmas shopping early—during the August sales, in fact. Long before Thanksgiving all out-of-town packages are well on their way. Once I thought to emulate her example. But somehow it's hard to get the Christmas spirit when you can fry an egg on the sidewalk instead of frosting your toes. You find yourself thinking in terms not of what your loved ones might really want, but what's marked down. And later, when the papers begin to shout only so many shopping days left and the crowds begin to bustle—well, however smug you feel, there is also a sense of loneliness. Like getting to the party and home again before the guests arrive!

Then too, a tie bought today and mailed tomorrow carries with it your own enthusiasm, your own fresh sense of value. But one that's been lying around three months—! Is it as pretty, you wonder, as you first thought? Mightn't something else be better? Have you really got enough? And like as not you'll find sufficient excuses to go barging right back and do it all over. At least I did.

Because I disagree mightily with those to whom Christmas shopping is an annual evil. [*Turn to page 144*

Don't overlook these

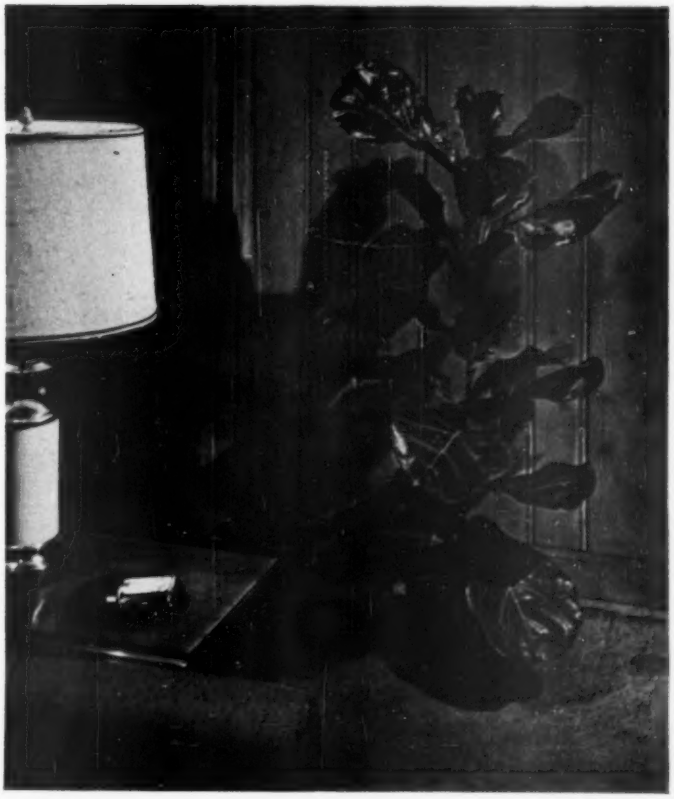
Gifts that grow

By Fleeta Brownell Woodruffe

Inexpensive, but sure to please, are a half-dozen bulbs of fragrant Paperwhite narcissus sent with bowl and potting soil

HERE'S your chance to be pleased with yourself over the gifts you send this year. Pleased because they'll be different. Pleased because you can select each one for the special tastes of the one who gets it.

Dormant bulbs are easy to send long distances. Tender plants are not. But they can be carried safely if you follow the precautions we list on page 168. Make this Christmas remembered as colorful and sweet-smelling because you sent gifts that grow.



Bulbs give long-time pleasure

Wrap up a big amaryllis bulb prettily, as here. Bulbs certain to bloom soon are size of teacups. Planted as shown, page 166, those of Herald and other new strains will open large, flat-faced flowers within a month. Or fill a corsage box with gladiolus bulbs for a friend to plant and enjoy next summer. Or send bowl of prepared lily-of-the-valley pips. They'll flower within a few weeks if the fiber is kept moist

Photographs: Lugeth

Husky plant suits man's study

Its handsome form and its tolerance of reduced light put the fiddleleaf rubber tree in first place for a spot like this. A tall specimen is fairly costly, in a class with well-trained "totem poles" of large-leaved philodendrons

For more gifts, see next page →

Gifts that grow *Continued*

Fancyleaf caladiums easily grown

In a class by themselves for showiness are these plants with leaves bright as the gayest flowers. You can buy either dry bulbs or plants started earlier by your florist. For bigger show, set several bulbs in a 6- or 7-inch pot. Barely cover with loose soil. Keep soil constantly damp but not boggy

You can bring spring in a hurry with brilliant azaleas

Compact, shrubby azaleas have come to belong to Christmas as well as spring flower shows and spring gardens. With a single well-grown plant, you can bring new life to an entire room. Colors range from blush pink through salmon reds to scarlet and crimson. To enjoy them longer, choose well-budded plants with a few open flowers. Plants can be kept from year to year by setting outside in shaded spot through the summer months

Sutor, Hedrich-Blessing

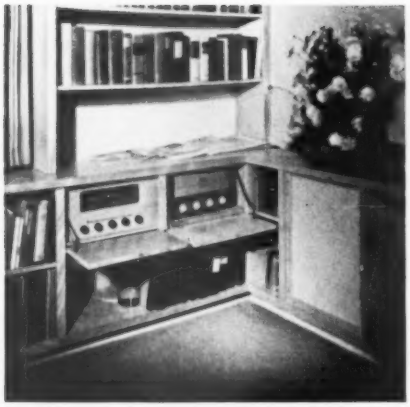
White poinsettias for a change

If you want something different, take a look at the stunning white poinsettias. Stripped of gaudy wrappings, short plants set down in a home setting like this draw admiration long past the holidays. Keep out of chilling drafts. Water daily, just as you do the more familiar reds. Plants with short stems are the best buy when they're to be set where you will look down on them

More on gift plants on page 166

Once you have attached the speaker to enclosure, assembly of working high-fidelity radio-phonograph is a simple plug-together job.

Power enters radio tuner first and is carried on to amplifier and record-player. Amplifier is connected to speaker with ordinary lamp cord.



A simple corner built-in like this keeps high-fidelity system protected but accessible. Note speaker (right)

Your system can be installed in a set of bookshelves, allowing plenty of record-storage space. Shallow drawers below desk hold sheet music

Perhaps an existing piece of furniture can house your sound system, placing the controls at your finger tips

Music in the air and on records today has more concert-hall quality than ever before. If you can plug in a lamp, you can assemble a high-fidelity radio and phonograph to bring that music into your own living room in all of its glory

More music for your money

By Bob Jones and Bob Hertzberg

Your own ears will have to do the judging. There is no way to put into words the startling splendor of music now possible, at moderate cost, in any living room.

Through the miracle of high-fidelity sound reproduction, either phonograph or radio, thousands of "average" families are now thrilling to the illusion of having talented musicians actually present in their homes—whether their tastes run to Melchior or Bing Crosby.

High-fidelity reproduction means simply that you hear the music just the way it sounded when it was originally played or sung—perfectly balanced, even to each of the all-important high and low notes. You can enjoy your concerts from the comfort of your easy chair; you can get acquainted with the real Bach with your shoes off.

To bring high-fidelity sound into your home on a limited budget, you buy several small, individual units and plug them together.

Difficult? Anyone who can plug in a floor lamp can put together a high-fidelity system in less than an hour.

Costly? There is no limit to what you can spend, but you can assemble a very satisfying high-fidelity phonograph system for about $150. For another $65, [*Turn to page 158*

Photograph: Suter, Hedrich Blessing

Give your home a present

***Better Homes & Gardens* takes guesswork out of Christmas giving for the home**

By Florence Byerly

Christmastime is gift time, and a gift for the home will make it a better place to live for the entire family. But what gift? Well, we've been asking folks to tell us their favorite home Christmas gifts. Most of the popular winners are included in the two photographs you see here.

If yours is the type of family that talks things over, why not sit down with this feature and decide what gift your home would appreciate? Or just check your favorite in the listing, and as a hint to Santa Claus, leave the magazine open to this page in some conspicuous spot. On page 162 you'll find more tips to help you when shopping for a Christmas present for your home.

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

For year-round pleasure

Stepsaving wheel cart and a nest of stack tables for informal buffet suppers.

For extra seating, folding chairs that are really made for comfort.

Scatter rug—remember, a big one's best.

A luxurious lounge chair (Pop's favorite).

Fire screen and a handy tool set.

Television, radio, or phonograph. Or a handsome combination of all three.

A picture or big mirror for your walls.

Big, thirsty bath towels. (There're some in those gift-wrapped packages.)

Lamps—for every room in the house.

Tables—consider where you're going to use them and what you want them to hold.

Accessories—if you're buying an ashtray, a big one is better than lots of tiny ones.

For a luxurious bedroom

A bedside table, or even a new bed. Choose a style to go with the old bedroom set.

A mattress, specially soft or firm, or extra long or wide. Pick one to "fit" the person who will be sleeping on it.

Pillows—either foam or down. You have a choice of firm or soft, big or downright tiny.

Blankets, sheets, and pillowcases—in a rainbow of colors, even patterns.

Bedspread and curtains—ready-made, for there is no sewing time in busy December.

A vacuum jug and a big coffee cup for wake-up java. Starts the day right.

Deep rug for bare-toe luxury and comfort.

A handsome clock, or maybe a clock radio.

It's serene on the outside, and smart inside

. . . a union of good planning and good looks that assure a top-notch house

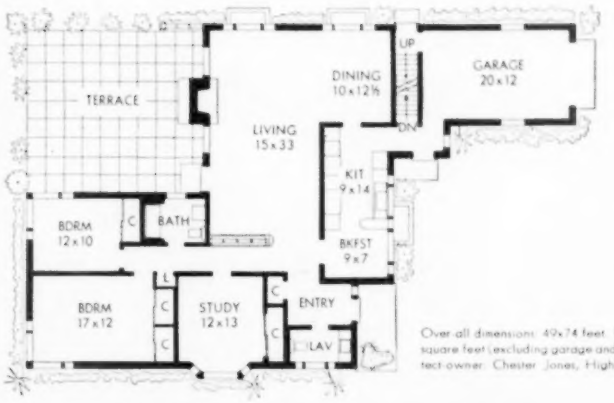
By John Normile, A.I.A.

Exciting things happen within the restful and balanced beauty that shows outside Five Star Home No. 2212.

It wins your eye in a most unassuming way. You see the subtle play of exterior color and surface (a monotone of gray in brick, lannon stone, wood siding) and the simple, honest structural lines. This house was designed by an architect for his own family—and for a well-established neighborhood. Both, as you might expect, are very much at home in their new surroundings.

From the street, the Chester Joneses' house in Highland Park, Illinois, is deceiving. Its spacious, settled air would have you believing that the corner lot is essential. Actually, the house is just as appropriate for the inside 60-footer—and you wouldn't have to change the orientation at all. The front and back jogs contribute [*Turn to page 136*

Beauty without affectation—that's what Architect Jones wanted for his family. Calm lines and subtle interplay of gray surfaces (brick, lannon stone, and wood siding) give it the solid charm of a home that will find welcome in any neighborhood. And just see how it "works" for you inside!



Over-all dimensions: 49x74 feet. Floor area: 1,765 square feet (excluding garage and basement). Architect-owner: Chester Jones, Highland Park, Illinois

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

Completely hidden from the street, this patio is perfect for summer relaxation, outdoor eating. Barbecue makes double use of fireplace chimney.

Door leads to living room, and bedroom wing is at right. Concrete slabs are spaced for pattern, and to prevent cracks in winter. Grass fills these crevices.

Glories of glass on each side of fireplace mean you don't rearrange the furniture with change of seasons. You face the terrace in summer, but a tug of the drapery cords gives a pleasant winter grouping before the fire.

Monochromatic scheme is background here (gray in carpeting, draperies, walls).

YOU CAN BUY PLANS FOR THIS OR ANY *BETTER HOMES & GARDENS* FIVE STAR HOME

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Build them a place for toys

TOYS, toys everywhere, and not a place to walk! Let's hope this isn't your chant after Santa's annual visit to your home. Anticipate Santa's full pack and plan for toy storage now. The place you store toys should be convenient for grownups as well as children. Here are toy-storage ideas the handyman can build.

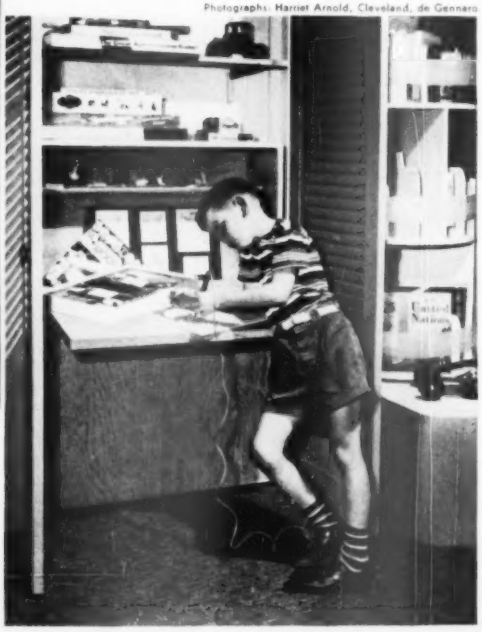
Don't overlook big, open-topped toy boxes like this one. Mounted on casters, the box is easily pulled out by the youngster when he wants toys with which to play.

Box can be shoved under closet shelves, out of the way. With doors closed, toys are hidden, but handy.

Girls love to collect dolls, and dolls love to collect dust. Help your family doll collector with glass-enclosed cabinets like these. Fluorescent tubes light the cabinets for an added decorative effect. From Jack Corgan home, Dallas, Texas

Photographs: Harriet Arnold, Cleveland, de Gennaro

Revolving rack makes it easy to reach books, games, puzzles. Bands of transparent acetate hold boxes and books in place, but reveal identifying name or picture. Supporting uprights staggered to make turning easy



This game-storage chest with the drop-leaf shelf provides work space and then folds up to hide clutter. There are more shelves behind doors, below. Slat doors can be closed to hide entire unit

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How to find time at CHRISTMAS

Just plan quick, easy meals with brimming bowls of good hot soup

BY Anne Marshall

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

Here comes that happy, breathless season again! Probably you're saying, "Oh, for more shopping-wrapping time!" And besides, you still have meals to get—good, hearty meals for good, healthy appetites.

But cheer up! You'll find help . . . and time . . . and grand good eating—all three! Just choose a favorite soup from your Soup Shelf. Add a platter of eggs, or quick-broil some sausages, or heat a casserole of beans—and there's your meal. And how welcome on winter days—meals that include heart-warming bowls of good hot soup.

On this page are some lunch and supper suggestions—with help from your Soup Shelf. So, as we enter another Holiday Season, here's more Merry Christmas-*time* to you!

A good cook keeps a full Soup Shelf

Plan these good meals around tomato soup
- Ham and Potato Cakes
- Pork and Beans, Salad
- Frizzled Beef, Toast
- Codfish Cakes, Slaw

With green pea soup you might serve
- Franks and Relishes
- Chili, Green Salad
- Chicken Hash, Muffins
- Creamed Tuna, Fruit

Beef noodle soup goes well with
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hot Potato Salad
- Waffle and Syrup
- Stuffed Peppers, Salad

Merry Christmas

from Mother

By Myrna Johnston

WONDERFUL gift to all her family—the Christmas dinner Mother planned and cooked with such loving care. What a feast it is! And how beautiful!

See the centerpiece. It's the golden-brown turkey, plump with tender meat and Savory Dressing. The platter is gay as a Christmas package with sparkling circles of tart cranberry jelly, twigs of green spruce. And at either end of the table, frosty white, giant pine cones with bright red trim. Still another holiday touch—the Merry Fruit Cup, red-ribbon plates beneath. [*Turn to page 109*

Holiday candies in jig-time, next page

Photograph: Allen Snook

Candies you can make

—quick as a twinkle and easy, too

We were busy as Santa's helpers all this year, collecting and perfecting recipes for the yummy tidbits you see on these two pages. Seventeen different kinds. And you can make any one of them *almost* as fast as you can say "St. Nick"!

Here are candies *easier* than pie! These take no heating at all: The red-and-white Harlequin Balls, the Fruit Slices, Mint Creams, Coconut Mallows, and Candy Dates. See the guide below to find them in the picture.

The other candies are really just as easy. The cooking often is nothing more than melting butter or chocolate, heating milk or marshmallows.

You'll want these candies to pass to folks who stop by to wish you a merry holiday. You'll want some to give kind neighbors, some to send away. And let the children make their own to surprise grandmothers and aunties, grandads, uncles. Candy from your kitchen can be an inexpensive gift, but lovely, for it carries a personal message, "I made this especially for you."

Every recipe given here is foolproof. There's no guessing at soft- or hard-ball stages, no beating of syrup. Everybody can be an expert from the start. So let this Christmas be a candymaking one, with *sweet* success for all the family!

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Let kiddies help . . . little or no cooking needed

Carried by Santa: Chocolate Peaks, left; Cherry Peaks, right. On tray: Chocolate Roll, center; left, Harlequin Balls and Fruit Slices; right, Jiffy Fudge and Mint Creams. On toboggans: left, Fruitcake Drops; right, Puff Bars. On plates: left to right, Gelatine Sparkles, Coconut Mallows, Candy Dates, Neapolitans

Photograph: Kuoni

Alice Snook

Pass these sweet treats to your guests

Top tray, in the candle glow: Spiced Walnuts and Pecans with candy-stick dividers. Lower deck: alternating sections of fruity Holiday Squares and Kris Kringles (the ones with the red cinnamon candies sprinkled on top)

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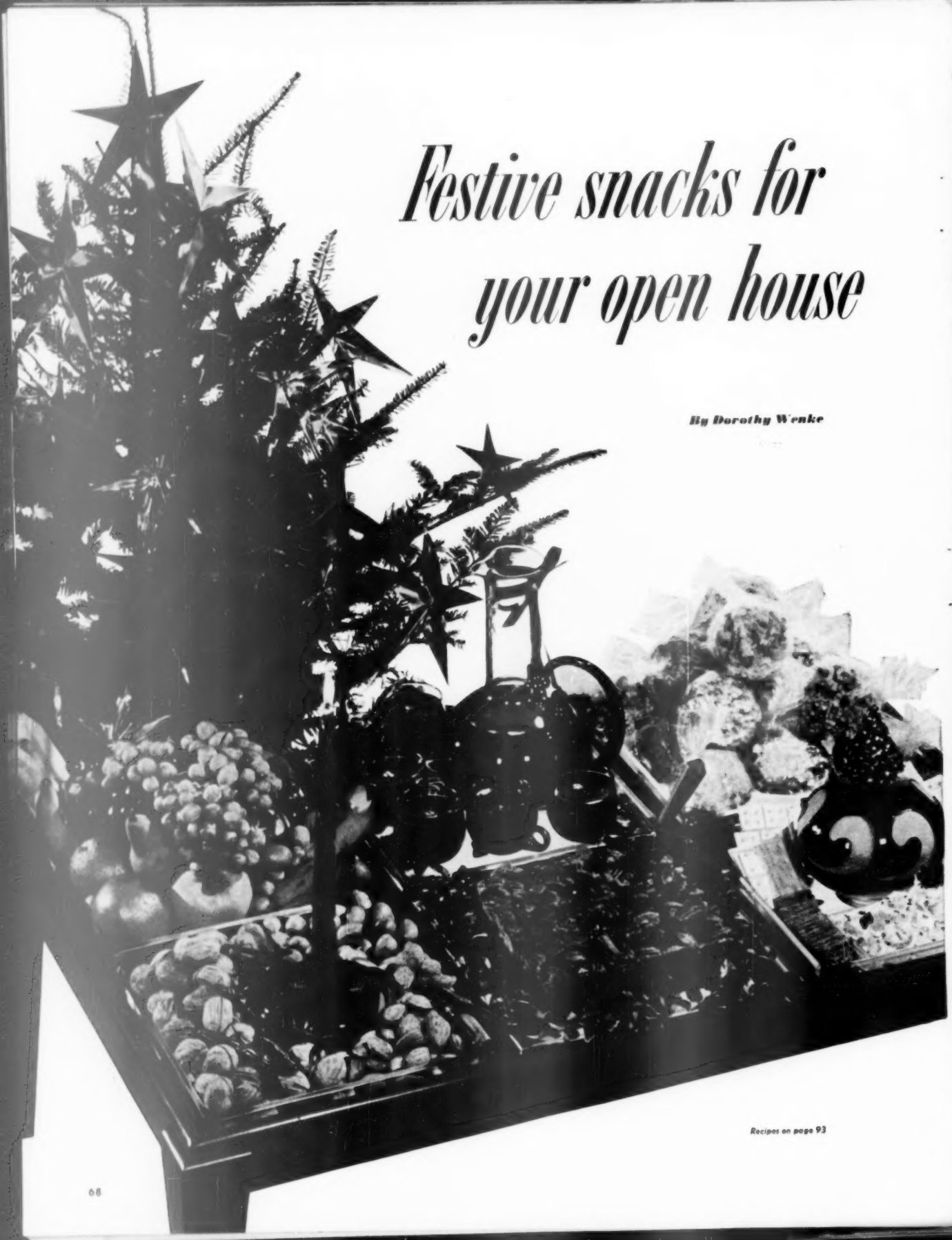
Festive snacks for your open house

By Dorothy Wenke



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Bitsy buffet comes rolling

Wheel it over there near the fireplace. Spoon up the delicious Golden Rabbit. Those Toasty Pread Logs are for dunking in it—old-fashioned style. Have some carrot strips, celery. The dessert is Mincemeat-filled Cookies

Card table goes holiday

Who'd recognize it under the merry red felt cloth you trimmed with braid evergreens? Circling the gumdrop tree are frosty cups of Nesselrode Pudding from your freezer. With them serve St. Nick's Cookies, sugar-coated green and red. Leave the gay table set up, ready for your guests

Coffee table laden with goodies

Its glass-brick top has turned topsy-turvy to offer sweets to the sweet. Center front is rich, crunchy Fruitcake Delight. In the bell-trimmed pitcher, refreshing Cranberry Sparkle Cocktail. There are popcorn balls in three colors and flavors, nuts, fruits, a jolly Edam, Pistachio-Cheese Dip, too

Photographs: Allen Snook

WHEN guests come to *your* house, they really know it's Christmas! There's friendly chatter, and of course, the tastiest snacks, each with a holiday flair or flavor. Just little things turn the trick: A tall candle in the center of the nut tray as you see on the coffee table, a red cheese, prettily carved, tiny tree atop. Or a wreath of olive slices on your best casserole, holly between rows of cookies, Christmas dishes

Turn page to see a buffet that glows with hospitality

Photograph: Allan Snook

Candlelight buffet for the holiday

Your table is Christmas bright. Dozens of candles beam a warm welcome to your guests. And every tempting dish boasts a holiday touch, a bit of glamour.

Now it's time for Dad to carve the clove-studded ham. So pick up a plate and circle right, everyone. Dad puts a big rosy slice on your plate. Next take a spoonful of buttery Sweet-potato Puff with the pecans atop. That red jelly is currant. Take some to go along on your plate with its green partner, the mint jelly you see across the table.

Help yourself to the gala vegetable platter—snow-white cauliflower crowned with Golden Sauce; piping hot, spicy Pickled Beet Slices. Now for a serving of cool, shimmering Christmas Cranberry Mold.

Be sure to leave room on your plate for relishes from the Lazy Susan centerpiece. What a pretty whirligig of red and green! Cinnamon Apple Rings, Minted Pears. Hot Cherry Sauce to spoon over the ham slices. Pimiento-stuffed pickles, crisp radishes, celery fans. Pick up a roll on your way to join the other folks sitting there by the Christmas tree.

Everything tastes simply delicious! That means circle round the festive table again for seconds. Come dessert time, help yourself to a wedge of rich Hospitality Fruitcake (upper left in picture) and a cup of steaming coffee. Just hear all the happy chatter. Now the caroling begins!

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You can celebrate the Williamsburg way—next page

Christmas foods

FROM

famous places

Beautifully costumed hostesses serve rich, fluffy Holiday Eggnog at the Christmas open house in the Raleigh Tavern. Bayberry candles shine down on silver trays of crisp sugar cookies, sliced White Fruitcake, and delicate Cake Squares

Photographs: H. Williams, Thomas L. Williams

A salute to Colonial Williamsburg

Charming is the word for Colonial Williamsburg at its Christmas best. There in old Virginia, the famous Inn, Lodge, and taverns make anew their traditional dishes for this merry season. Pictured opposite are specialties of King's Arms Tavern for your own holidays. Cunning little Chicken Pyes to ring around sprays of holly, Creamy Chicken Gravy, and festive vegetables—Spiced Sweet-potato Bake, Creamed Onions With Peanuts, broccoli with lemon slices.

Begin your holiday dinner in the elegant style of Williamsburg Lodge—a scoop of raspberry sherbet on a chilled grapefruit half, holly sprig on the plate

Try these two favorite desserts from Williamsburg Inn. Fresh Fruit Ambrosia bedecked with maraschino cherries and mint; luscious three-layer Coconut Cake

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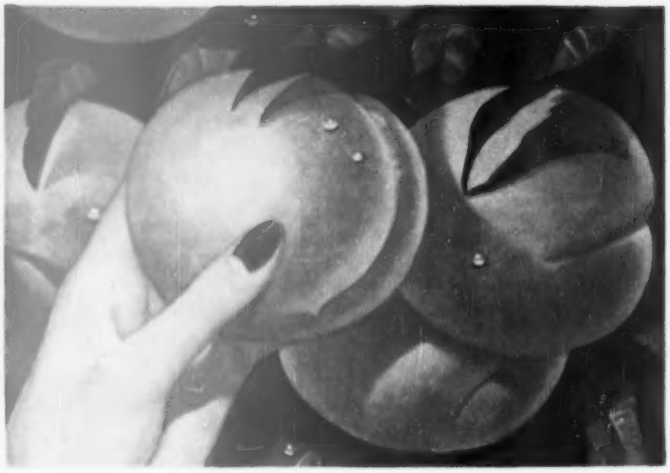
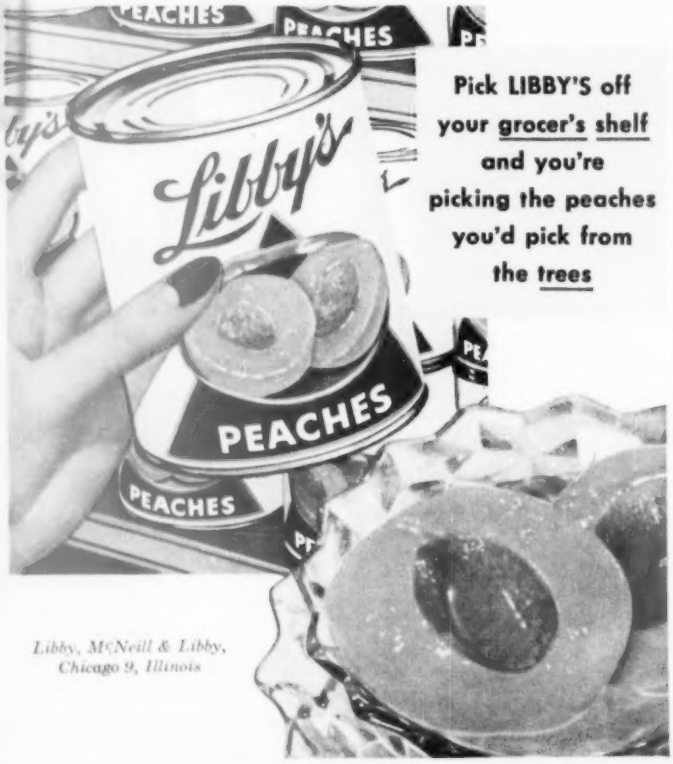


Pick the peaches you'd pick yourself...

Picture yourself in a peach orchard—and imagine the peaches *you'd* pick!

They'd be the roundest, fullest beauties your eye could single out. They'd be the fruits neither too firm nor too yielding to your gentle touch. They'd be the ones with the warm, crimson "blush" on their upper surfaces, the telltale sign that they're right, ready and waiting for you.

These are the luscious peaches you get in the can labeled Libby's. Good to look at, wonderful to eat—peaches you'll be proud to serve in any of the hundred ways that people enjoy them! Pick Libby's.



Pick LIBBY'S off your grocer's shelf and you're picking the peaches you'd pick from the trees

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Christmas foods from famous places

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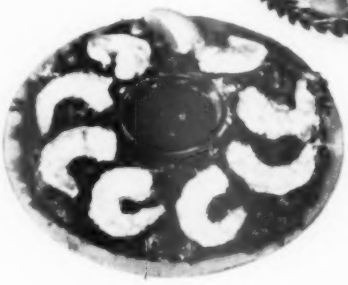
Handsome relish tray from the King's Arms Tavern. Take your choice. In the front row: cranberry sauce, cottage cheese, and spiced peaches. Second row: peach jam, spiced red crabapples, pickle chips

Rainbow parfait—a speedy dessert served at Williamsburg Lodge. Lime sherbet between scoops of raspberry sherbet, whipped-cream topper



Pink shrimp, red cocktail sauce, green endive or lettuce leaves carry out the Christmas colors.

At Chowning's Tavern, they're served with "sippets" (crisp toast sticks).

Yule-log ceremony

Little wonder visitors throng to old Williamsburg for the holidays! No place could be gayer, more in keeping with the spirit and traditions of the season.

Folks gather to carol in the streets, to enjoy candlelight concerts, to square-dance, and, of course, to take part in the ancient yule-log ceremony at Williamsburg Lodge or at Chowning's Tavern.

This delightful ritual is one you can make part of your own Christmas tradition when you entertain. This is the way it's done: Decorate the largest log for your fireplace with evergreen boughs and a bright ribbon bow. When it's time for carols, give each person a sprig of holly to symbolize the woes of the year just past. Ask two of the hefty squires at your party to carry the log around the room so everyone can touch it with his sprig of green. Then the men place the log on the fire and everyone casts in his piece of holly. As last year's troubles go up in smoke, make a wish for the new year.

Below are Williamsburg recipes you'll want to try this Christmas—and repeat holiday after holiday.

Fresh Fruit Ambrosia

Pretty as a picture, tangy, juicy, well chilled—a refreshing dessert after a hearty dinner—

Pare 3 large oranges with a sharp knife; remove sections by

[*Turn to page 88*

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CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Mincemeat Diamonds

Mincemeat fans will make these their favorite—

- 1½ cups enriched flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shortening
- 1¾ cups quick-cooking oats
- 2 cups mincemeat

Combine flour, brown sugar, and salt. Cut in shortening until mixture is crumbly; mix in oats. Place half of mixture in bottom of 9x9x2-inch pan and pat down. Spread with mincemeat; sprinkle remaining mixture over. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Cut in diamonds. Makes about 16.—*Mrs. Hallett Gildersleeve, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Lemon Drops

A holiday party cooky with a glistening sugar top—

- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- Red-tinted sugar

Cream butter to soften; then thoroughly cream sugar and butter. Add eggs, lemon peel, and vanilla; beat well. Sift together flour, salt, and soda; add alternately with lemon juice. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto greased cooky sheet. Sprinkle with red-tinted sugar. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 10 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies. **To tint sugar:** Add a few drops of red food coloring to sugar and shake in jar.—*Mrs. Stanley Haste, East Walpole, Massachusetts.*

MIDWINTER SALADS

Almond Christmas Cutups

Crisp rolled cookies with a delightful almond flavor—

- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 beaten egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1¾ cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup ground, blanched almonds

Cream butter to soften; then thoroughly cream brown sugar and butter. Add egg and vanilla; mix well. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt; blend with creamed mixture. Stir in almonds. Chill. Roll out very thin and cut with cooky cutters into a variety of Christmas designs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 8 to 10 minutes. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.—*Mrs. Victor G. Meyer, Salina, Kansas.*

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Prize tested recipes

Salads

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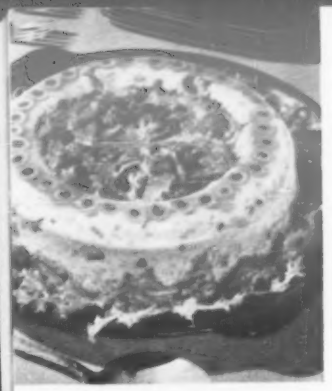
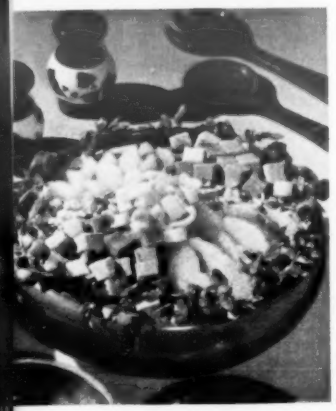
Frozen Cranberry Salad

Looks like Christmas, with jewel-bright jelly cubes in each frosty slice—

- 2 3-ounce packages cream cheese
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 1 cup cubed, jellied cranberry sauce
- 1 9-ounce can (1 cup) crushed pineapple, drained
- ½ cup chopped ripe olives
- ¼ cup chopped celery

Blend cream cheese and mayonnaise together. Fold in whipped cream. Then fold in the cranberry-sauce cubes, crushed pineapple, ripe olives, and celery. Pour into a refrigerator tray and freeze 3 to 4 hours. Top each serving with a star cut from a slice of jellied cranberry sauce, if desired. Makes 5 to 6 servings.—*Laura M. Getschmann, Bremerton, Washington.*





Olive Wreath Mold

Perfect to serve at your holiday bridge party—

- 1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) crushed pineapple
- 1 3-ounce package lime-flavored gelatine
- ½ cup grated American cheese
- ½ cup chopped pimiento
- ½ cup finely chopped celery
- ⅔ cup chopped California walnuts
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- Small stuffed olives, sliced
- Curly endive

Drain pineapple. Heat pineapple syrup to a boil. Add to lime gelatine and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Cool. When gelatine begins to thicken, add the pineapple, cheese, pimiento, celery, nuts, and salt. Fold in whipped cream. Place a row of sliced stuffed olives in bottom of 9-inch ring mold. Pour gelatine mixture into mold and chill until firm. Arrange endive on platter; unmold salad on top. Makes 8 to 10 servings.—*Mrs. M. E. Larson, Wheaton, Illinois.*

Poinsettia Salad

A rosy blossom of a salad that's easy to make—

- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup red cinnamon candies
- 4 apples, pared, cored, and cut in eighths
- 1 teaspoon red food coloring
- Lettuce
- ¼ cup sour cream or yogurt
- 8 drops yellow food coloring
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel

Combine sugar, water, and red cinnamon candies; cook until candies are dissolved. Place apples in syrup; cook until apples are tender. Add red coloring until desired color is reached. Cool apples in syrup. Drain. Place lettuce leaf on each salad plate; on top arrange apple sections to resemble a poinsettia blossom. Blend sour cream and yellow coloring; place a spoonful in center of each flower; sprinkle with orange peel. Makes 6 servings.—*Mrs. James A. Ray, Atlantic, Iowa.*

Ham and Orange Salad

Leftover ham makes a delicious comeback—

- 1 clove garlic
- 2 cups cubed, cooked ham
- 1½ cups orange sections
- 1 cup diced celery
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts
- ⅓ cup minced onion
- ⅓ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper

Rub bowl with cut garlic. Mix ham, orange sections, celery, walnuts, and onion in bowl. Combine mayonnaise, cream, vinegar, salt, and pepper; add to ham mixture; toss. Makes 6 to 8 servings.—*Mary A. Lally, Golden's Bridge, New York.*

Prize tested recipes

Cookies

Walnut Crescents

Melt-in-your-mouth cookies—the dainty kind you like to serve company—

- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup shortening
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons water
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups enriched flour
- ½ cup chopped black walnuts
- Confectioners' sugar

Cream butter to soften; then thoroughly cream butter, shortening, and sugar. Mix in water and vanilla, then flour and nuts; chill for 3 or 4 hours. Form dough in long rolls, ½ inch across; cut in 3-inch lengths and shape in crescents. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in slow oven (325°) 15 minutes. (Do not brown cookies.) Remove from sheet, cool slightly, and dip in confectioners' sugar. Makes about 4 dozen.—*Mrs. Edward H. Flitton, Austin, Minnesota.*

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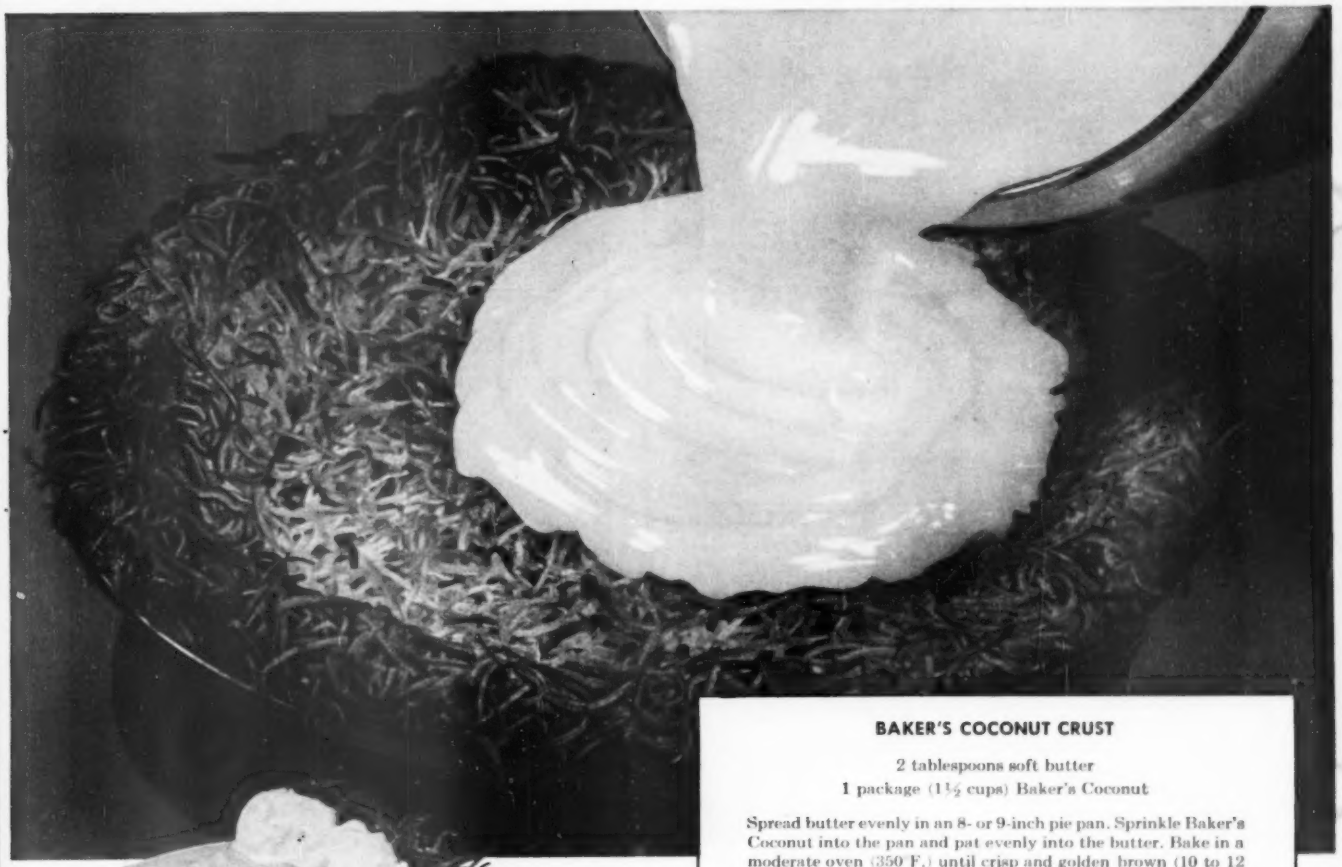
Just sprinkle luscious, tender-sweet Baker's Coconut into a buttered pan, pat it down and bake!

Baker's lacy shreds give you the lightest, flakiest crust that ever cradled a filling. Crust with all the just-picked flavor of dewy-fresh Baker's Coconut! Try it today!



BAKER'S COCONUT CRUST

2 tablespoons soft butter
1 package (1½ cups) Baker's Coconut

Spread butter evenly in an 8- or 9-inch pie pan. Sprinkle Baker's Coconut into the pan and pat evenly into the butter. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) until crisp and golden brown (10 to 12 minutes). Cool.

To serve—fill crust with your favorite flavor of Jell-O Pudding and Pie Filling, made according to package directions, and chill until firm. Or fill with ice cream and serve immediately. For other coconut crust recipes get leaflet at your grocer's.

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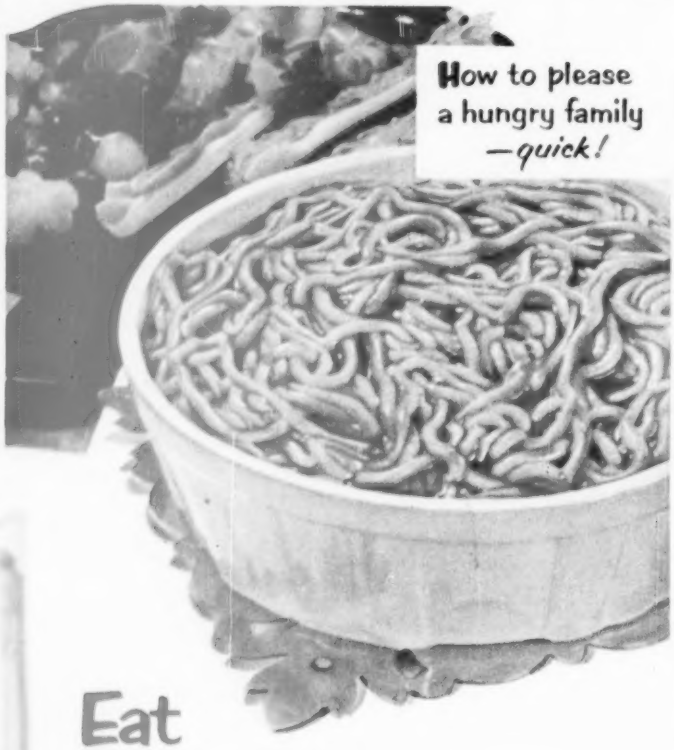

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Christmas time calls for good meals both thrifty and quick, like this—

Franco-American Spaghetti
Buttered Broccoli Relish Tray
Hot Buttered Rye Bread
Baked Apples

Tender-cooked, with a lively sauce of red-ripe tomatoes and sharp Cheddar cheese, Franco-American Spaghetti tastes so good you'll all *eat* hearty. Easy to fix, too, and it costs only pennies a portion. A wonderful idea for busy-day meals!

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JUST HEAT...AND EAT HEARTY

For a deliciously different supper dish

Tuna Spaghetti Bake

1 6½-oz. can tuna fish
2 15½-oz. cans Franco-American Spaghetti
Buttered corn flakes

Flake tuna with fork; mix gently with spaghetti. Pour into buttered casserole; top with corn flakes. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for 20 min. Serves 4.

Hostess-helpers for the holidays

By Helen Hutchinson

Wheel it where the fun is! **On tree-trimming night, load supper on a three-decker cart, roll it to the living room. Creamed tuna in the electric casserole goes on toasty rusks. Cover casserole to keep seconds "piping." Individual two-cup coffee servers save trips to the kitchen**

It's Christmas again. And you want to say to folks who stop by, "Do stay for supper—we're trimming the tree!" You want to get Christmas dinner *and* go to church *and* be with the kiddies at present-opening time. You like to ask friends in for holiday buffet meals and snacks. Of course, you need help! And here are electric appliances to give you able assistance. There are plug-in casseroles, fryers, roasters, automatic coffee makers and toasters. Look them over. Put the ones you already have to use, and perhaps a word to Santa Claus will bring you the extra helper you need most.

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Fix cheeseburgers at the table **so you can enjoy the chatter. Infrared broiler has four rack positions. Automatic electric percolator takes complete charge of coffee making, keeps coffee hot after brewing**

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Let Sister be the hostess. She will have fun whirring cranberry eggnogs for her friends; milk, sugar, egg, cranberry juice go into blender for just a minute of speedy mixing. She will enjoy using the electric no-stir popper, too

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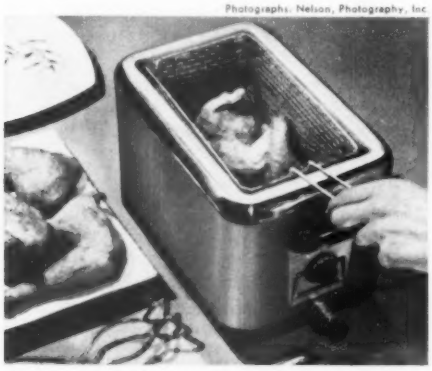
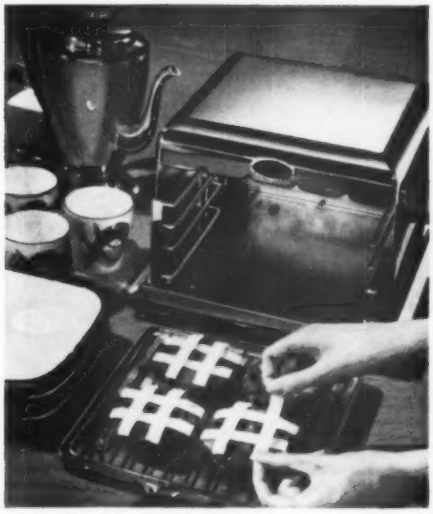


French-fried chicken is easy to cook in an electric deep-fryer. This one has a thermostat to keep the fat at the right temperature. It's no problem to treat family or guests to homemade doughnuts, or to golden French-fried potatoes



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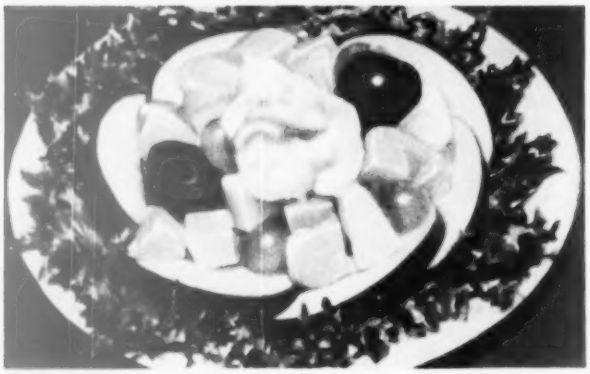
Gay Holiday Treats

Easy as only Canned Fruit Cocktail from California can make them

Fruit Ice Cream Swirl — exciting, inexpensive, easy dessert with a rainbow all through it! Chill and drain 1 No. 2½ can fruit cocktail. Prepare 1 package strawberry-flavored gelatin as package directs. Chill until set. Arrange colorful fruit cocktail, gelatin and 1 pint vanilla ice cream in layers in tall glasses. Serve at once. Serves 6 to 8.



Red Circle Fruit Salad — quick to fix! Chill and drain 1 can fruit cocktail. Fruit cocktail's five summer-sweet fruits — cling peaches, pineapple, pears, grapes, cherries — are neatly diced, instantly ready to use. Arrange thin slices of unpeeled red apple in circle on salad greens. Fill center with fruit cocktail. Top with your favorite mayonnaise or salad dressing.

Frosted Fruit Cup — sparkling new! Simply chill and spoon out luscious canned fruit cocktail. Top with unthawed concentrated frozen orange juice. Appetizing beginner for dinner, refreshing dessert! Fruit cocktail's a favorite because it's so good, so easy. Thrifty too! The fruit is close-packed in each can so you get lots for your money. Keep several cans handy!

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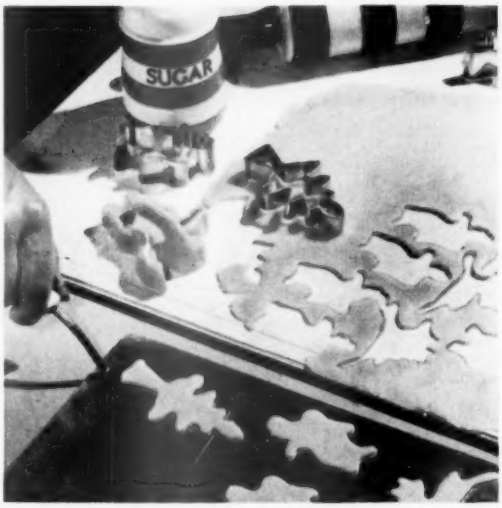
Cooky know-how for holiday favorites



Sugar-cooky cutouts look jolly as Christmas! Angels, reindeer, Santas, trees — you'll want ever so many cutters for your designing. Look for the new plastic cutters as well as the aluminum ones. After cookies bake, cool them thoroughly and decorate with colored frosting

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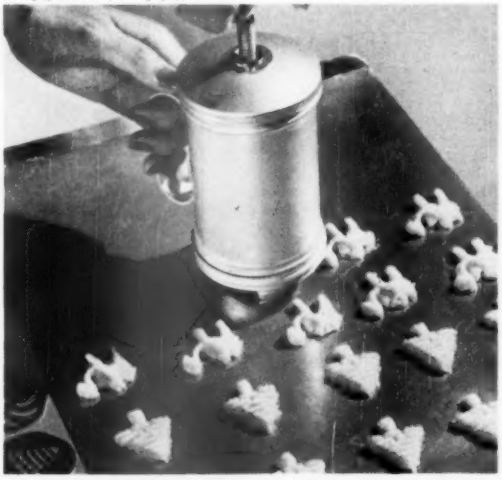

Swedish Spritz to greet the holiday season are shaped in wee trees, a caravan of camels, or lovely blossoms with this cooky press. Dainty and rich, these pressed cookies are wonderful with hot fruit punch or big, steaming mugs of coffee or cocoa for winter-night get-togethers

Cooky wheel turns out a variety of shapes speedily. They're all in line waiting to be baked. Use ginger-cooky or sugar-cooky dough for your holiday stand-by. Bake and cool; then decorate with pretty, pastel-colored frostings and bright little candies or slivered almonds

By Mary Argenbright

It's the season for cookies by the dozens and dozens! You'll want them with a festive look for gifts, friendly teas, and of course, extras to fill your cooky jar and tuck in Christmas Eve stockings. Save some of the prettiest to hang on the tree. After decorating these "ornaments," wrap them in cellophane and tie with a perky bow.

Make some cookies traditional; give others a gay new design. You can try your hand at clever cutouts or collect a variety of cooky cutters and gadgets for your yuletide baking. Last of all, trim these goodies with colorful sugars, bits of candied fruits, or tinted frostings. Look over the pictures for shaping and decorating ideas. See recipes, page 126.

Tiny wreaths are easy to make when you press unchilled sugar-cooky dough through a pastry tube. Before slipping them into the oven, sprinkle green-tinted sugar over for the leaves; "tie" a bow with a sprinkle of red sugar. Or trim wreaths with bits of candied fruits

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Start right—

Calumet Gives Supreme Lightness To...

PECAN-RAISIN KING'S CAKE

A Product of General Foods

- 3 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
- 3 teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup raisins
- ¾ cup shortening
- 1¾ cups sugar
- 3 eggs, unbeaten
- ½ cup very finely chopped pecans
- *Milk (see below for amount)
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla

*With butter, margarine, or lard, use 1½ cups milk. With vegetable or any other shortening, use 1½ cups milk.

Note: This recipe was developed especially for CALUMET Baking Powder. So to bake this rich-tasting cake wonderfully light, be sure to use CALUMET. And remember, whenever you're baking cakes, biscuits, waffles or other treats, your best bet is CALUMET. Double-Acting CALUMET lifts and lightens *both* in the mixing bowl and in the oven's heat, insuring your baking success. No wonder good cooks choose CALUMET 2 to 1 over any other baking powder.

Method. Sift flour once, measure, add CALUMET Baking Powder and salt, and sift together three times. Place raisins in saucepan, cover with water, and bring to a boil. Then drain and chop very fine.

Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Then stir in nuts and raisins. Add flour mixture, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla; blend.

Baking. Pour batter into two round 9-inch layer pans, 1½ inches deep, which have been lined on bottoms with paper. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 35 to 40 minutes, or until done. Cool. Then frost with your favorite fluffy white frosting and garnish with pecan meats and candied cherries.

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New fun for the Holidays...

The Most-Wanted Cooky in All America!

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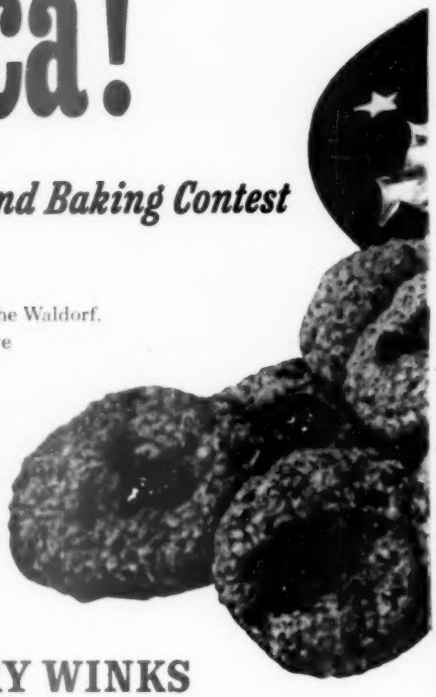

Here are the cooky recipes that started requests flooding in by letter, postcard, telephone, telegraph—the moment they won big prizes at the Waldorf. Literally, *millions* of recipes for these Pillsbury Grand National cookies have gone into American homes. And people have liked them so much, that American women (so surveys show) have baked these prize-winning cookies again and again and again.

The recipe on this page shows you how to make the $5,000 Cherry Wink Cookies the way the winner did at the Bake-off. (You use Kellogg's Corn Flakes and Pillsbury's Best Flour, of course.) And for more Grand National holiday cooky recipes, simply look in your bag of Pillsbury's Best.

Don't you want to fill up your holiday cooky jar with these famous cookies?

GRAND NATIONAL PRIZE WINNER

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THE $5,000 CHERRY WINKS

by Mrs. Ruth Derousseau, Rice Lake, Wisconsin

BAKE at 375° F. for 10 to 12 minutes. MAKES about 5 dozen cookies.

Sift together 2¼ cups sifted **Pillsbury's Best Enriched Flour***
1 teaspoon double-acting **baking powder**
½ teaspoon **soda**
½ teaspoon **salt**

Combine... ¾ cup **shortening**
1 cup **sugar**; cream well.

Add..... 2 **eggs**
2 tablespoons **milk**
1 teaspoon **vanilla**; beat well.

Blend in.... dry ingredients gradually; mix thoroughly.

Add ..... 1 cup **pecans**, chopped
1 cup **dates**, chopped
½ cup **maraschino cherries**, chopped; mix well.

Shape.... into balls using 1 level tablespoonful of dough for each cooky.

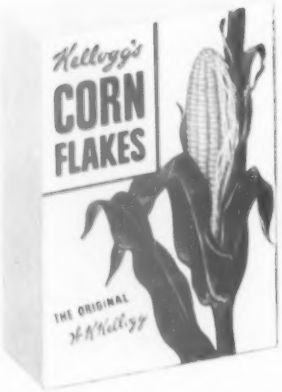
Crush..... 2½ cups **Kellogg's Corn Flakes**. Roll each ball of dough in corn flakes.

Place..... on greased baking sheet. Top each cooky with ¼ **maraschino cherry**.

Bake ..... in moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 min.

*If you use Pillsbury's Best Enriched Self-Rising Flour, omit baking powder and salt; decrease soda to ¼ teaspoon.

Perfect results can be guaranteed only with Pillsbury's Best Flour and Kellogg's Corn Flakes.



Kellogg's **CORN FLAKES**

Recipes

Coconut Cherry Drops, prize-winning Grand National recipe by Miss Adele Guerin, St. Paul, Minn. Simple to prepare, these chewy cookies are filled with cherries, pecans and coconut.

The $10,000 Starlight Mint Surprise Cookies, prize-winning Grand National recipe by Miss Laura Rott, Naperville, Ill. You will find a chocolate mint surprise baked right inside these cookies.

Bonnie Bran Cookies. When you take a bite of this new holiday-time cooky, you will taste the spicy mincemeat and the good crunchiness of the Kellogg's All-Bran that goes into it.

Swedish Heirloom Cookies, prize-winning Grand National recipe, by Mrs. Carlos Wheaton, Hopkins, Minn. Traditional Scandinavian holiday cookies—rich and buttery.

Look in the bag for all these Holiday Cooky Recipes

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PEACH CANDLE SALAD

- 1½ teaspoons (½ envelope) unflavored gelatin
- ¼ cup cold water
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- ½ cup cream or milk
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 6 DEL MONTE Peach Halves
- Lettuce
- Cranberry sauce

Soften gelatin in the cold water and dissolve over hot water. Combine next 6 ingredients; stir in the gelatin. Press DEL MONTE Peach Halves, cut side down, in large individual custard cups. Divide cheese mixture evenly over peaches in cups. Chill till firm. Unmold in lettuce cups, and spoon cranberry sauce around molds. Serves 6.

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Cooky know-how

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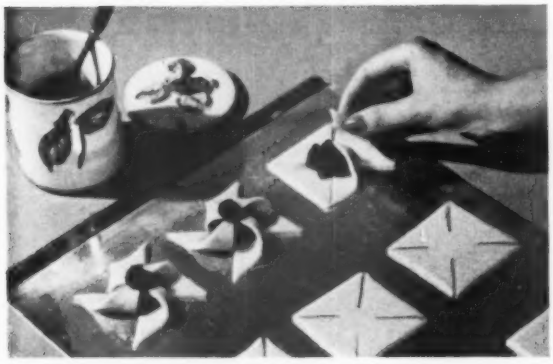
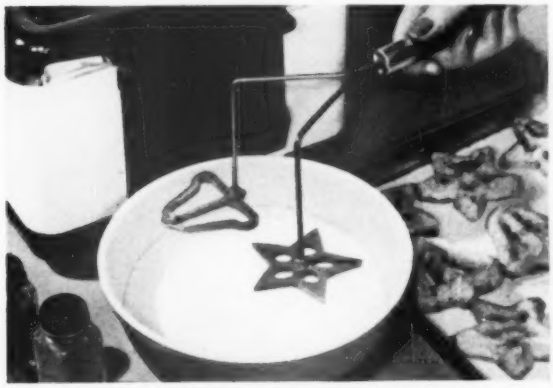
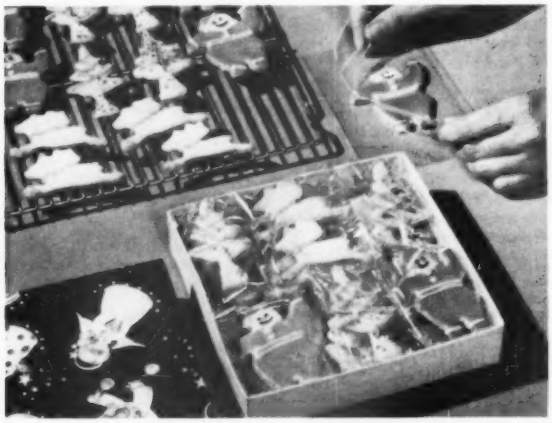


Merry Poinsettias sparkle with a rosy jam center. You roll out sugar-cooky dough; cut in 3-inch squares. Then make 4 diagonal corner slashes almost to center. Place strawbery or raspberry jam in center and fold over to form flower. Top each with a dot of jam



Rosette Cookies are such fun to make that the whole family will want to be on hand to help. This pair of Swedish rosette irons lets you fry these delicious crispies in the shape of bells or stars. Drain on paper towels. Then dip in colored sugar while they are still hot



Cookies to travel to the homes of friends look yummy and festive wrapped in cellophane and packed in a lovely box. Wrap each cooky separately to keep that out-of-the-oven freshness. Then, too, Santa won't lose his frosting buttons, nor the trees their candy lights

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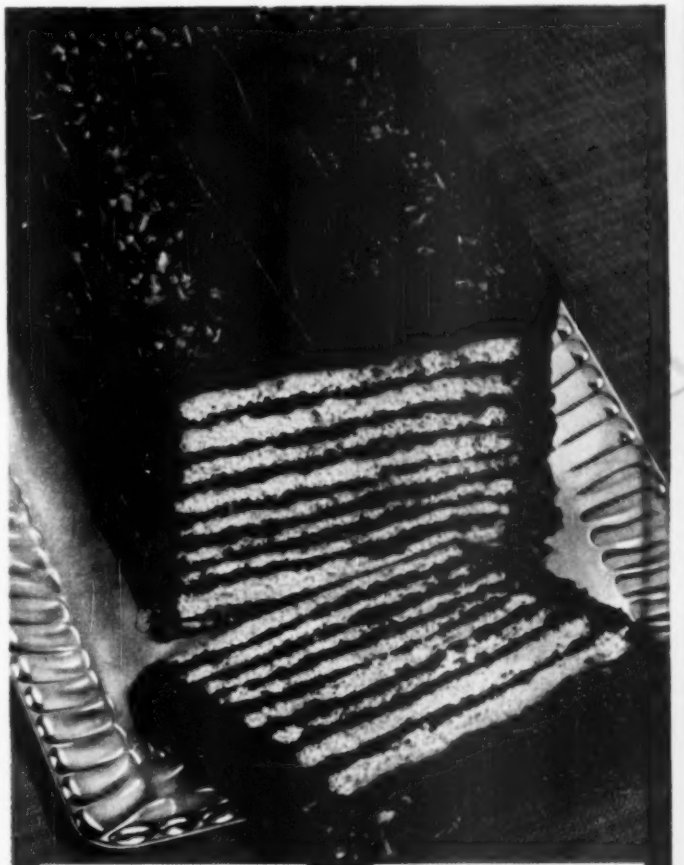

BAKER'S 8-LAYER TORTE

¼ cup sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
¾ teaspoon Calumet Baking Powder
¼ teaspoon salt
4 eggs, unbeaten (at room temperature)
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

To Make the Cake: Sift flour once and measure. Combine baking powder, salt, and eggs in bowl. Beat with rotary egg beater, adding sugar gradually, until mixture becomes thick and light-colored. Gradually fold in flour and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Turn into 15x10-inch pan, which has been lined on bottom with paper. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 13 minutes.

Turn cake out onto cloth, which has been sprinkled with confectioners' sugar. Quickly remove paper and cut off crisp edges of cake. Allow cake to cool. When cold, cut in four equal parts. Split each quarter through the middle, making 8 thin layers.

4½ squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate
½ cup butter
3 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
⅓ cup milk
2 egg whites, unbeaten
1 teaspoon vanilla

To Make the Frosting: Melt chocolate and butter together. Add sugar, milk, egg whites, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix well. Place in ice bath and beat until of spreading consistency.

Spread a thin layer of frosting, about ¼ cup, on a layer of cake. Place another layer of cake on top and repeat until all 8 layers of cake are used. Frost the sides and top of torte with remaining frosting. Chill well before serving. Makes 12 servings.

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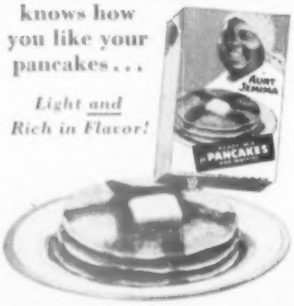

Christmas foods from famous places

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cutting close to membrane. Pare, core, and dice 1 fresh ripe pineapple. Combine fruit with 1 cup shredded fresh coconut. Sprinkle with ¾ cup sugar and a dash of salt; toss lightly. Chill several hours. Pile in serving bowl and decorate top with additional orange sections, coconut, and a few maraschino cherries. Makes 6 servings.

Coconut Cake

Swirl the frosting high on this feather-light cake; sprinkle generously with coconut—

¾ cup butter	3¾ teaspoons baking powder
2¼ cups sugar	1½ teaspoons salt
1½ teaspoons vanilla	1½ cups milk
3 eggs	
3⅓ cups cake flour	

Cream butter to soften; then thoroughly cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Mix thoroughly after each addition. Pour into 3 paper-lined 9x1½-inch pans. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 25 minutes or until done. When cool, frost with **Coconut Frosting:** Combine 1½ cups sugar, ½ cup water, and ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar in saucepan. Cook (stirring only till sugar dissolves) to very-hard-ball stage (266°). Wipe off any crystals on pouring side of pan with damp cloth. Beat 4 egg whites until stiff but not dry. Pour syrup slowly into egg whites, beating constantly. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla; beat till frosting holds in peaks. Add ½ cup shredded coconut to frosting. Spread on cake and sprinkle top and sides with 1 cup shredded coconut.

Cake Squares

Velvety, snowy-white cake with a subtly flavored, luscious frosting—

½ cup shortening	2½ teaspoons baking powder
1 cup sugar	¾ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla	1 cup milk minus 2 tablespoons
2 cups cake flour	3 stiff-beaten egg whites
	¼ cup sugar

Thoroughly cream shortening and 1 cup sugar; add vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Mix thoroughly after each addition. Beat egg whites until foamy; add ¼ cup sugar gradually, beating only till meringue will hold up in soft peaks. Fold egg whites into batter. Bake in greased 11x7x1½-inch pan in moderate oven (375°) about 30 minutes or until done. When cool spread with Butter Cream Frosting. Cut in squares or oblong pieces. Decorate each with holly sprig made of red cinnamon candies and a leaf cut from citron. **Butter Cream Frosting:** Thoroughly cream ⅓ cup butter and 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar. Add 2 tablespoons cooking sherry; beat well. Add 1 teaspoon grated orange peel and 1 egg white, beating until thick enough to spread.

Chicken Pyes

Quaint little individual pies, each one plump with delicious chicken—

1 5-pound stewing chicken, cut up	¼ cup enriched flour
5 cups water	2 cups chicken broth
1 onion	½ teaspoon salt
2 stalks celery	4 cups diced cooked chicken
1 teaspoon salt	
• • •	
¼ cup chicken fat	Double recipe Plain Pastry

Simmer chicken in water with onion, celery, and salt until tender, about 3 hours. Let cool to room temperature in broth. Remove chicken; skim fat from broth. Remove meat from bones and cut in cubes. Melt chicken fat; blend in flour. Add broth gradually and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add salt and diced chicken; cool. Spoon into five 5-inch pastry-lined piepans. Make 7 slashes in each top crust, radiating them outward from center. Adjust top crusts; crimp edges. Bake in hot oven (400°) about 30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from piepans and serve with **Creamy Chicken Gravy:** Melt ¼ cup chicken fat; add ⅓ cup enriched flour. Gradually stir in 1 cup milk and 1 cup chicken broth. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add ¼ teaspoon salt and dash of white pepper. Makes 5 servings.

Spiced Sweet-potato Bake

Like candied sweet potatoes—but these are mashed—

3 pounds sweet potatoes	½ teaspoon cinnamon
• • •	½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ cup sugar	¼ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons butter	About 1 cup milk

Cook sweet potatoes in boiling salted water till tender, about 15 minutes. Peel and mash. Add sugar, butter, spices, and salt. Add enough milk to moisten. Put in buttered 1½-quart casserole; sprinkle with sugar. Bake in hot oven (400°) 30 minutes. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Creamed Onions With Peanuts

Toasty peanut topping on a traditional holiday vegetable—

16 small white onions	2 cups milk
2 tablespoons butter or margarine	¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons flour	½ cup buttered bread crumbs
	⅓ cup chopped peanuts

Cook onions in boiling salted water until tender; drain. Melt butter; stir in flour. Add milk gradually; cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add salt. Place hot cooked onions in 1-quart casserole. Pour white sauce over. Combine crumbs and peanuts; sprinkle over onions. Bake in hot oven (400°) 10 minutes. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Holiday Eggnog

Place your punch bowl on a holly-trimmed tray; then dip this foamy, fresh drink into dainty glass cups—

¼ cup sugar	2 quarts orange juice, chilled
¼ teaspoon cinnamon	½ cup lemon juice, chilled
¼ teaspoon ginger	1 quart vanilla ice cream
¼ teaspoon cloves	1 quart ginger ale, chilled
6 well-beaten eggs	Nutmeg

Beat sugar and spices into beaten eggs. Stir in chilled orange and lemon juices. Cut ice cream in chunks; put in punch bowl. Pour ginger ale over ice cream. Then stir in egg mixture. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes about 20 servings.

White Fruitcake

Each rich slice is beautifully jeweled with fruit—

1 cup butter	3 3-ounce cans (1 cup) chopped candied citron
1 cup sugar	1 3-ounce can (⅓ cup) chopped candied pineapple
6 large eggs (1⅓ cups)	1 3-ounce can (⅓ cup) candied cherries, cut in half
2 cups enriched flour	½ pound (1 cup) slivered, blanched almonds
1½ teaspoons baking powder	1½ cups shredded coconut
1 teaspoon salt	
¼ teaspoon nutmeg	
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½ cup orange juice	
½ pound (1½ cups) white raisins	

Cream butter to soften; then thoroughly cream butter and sugar until fluffy; beat in eggs. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and spices; stir into creamed mixture alternately with the orange juice. Stir in fruits, nuts, and coconut. Line 9½x5x3-inch loaf pan with heavy brown paper; grease. Spoon in batter. Bake in slow oven (300°) 2½ to 3 hours or until done. Cover with paper the last hour.

Fresh-cooked Shrimp

2 pounds shrimp	1 teaspoon pickling spice
2 bay leaves	2 tablespoons vinegar
2 stalks celery	

Plunge shrimp into rapidly boiling salted water (1 tablespoon salt for each quart); add remaining ingredients. Heat to boiling, then lower heat and simmer till shells turn pink, about 5 minutes. Drain. Peel; remove vein that runs down back. Chill; serve with Shrimp Cocktail Sauce. Makes 6 servings.

Shrimp Cocktail Sauce

½ cup chili sauce	Dash Tabasco sauce
⅓ cup catsup	Dash salt
3 tablespoons horse-radish	2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
4 tablespoons lemon juice	

Combine all ingredients and chill thoroughly. Serve with Fresh-cooked Shrimp. Makes 1 cup.

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½ recipe pastry

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1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
***⅛ teaspoon salt**
1 cup pecans

Roll pastry ⅛ inch thick. Line a 9-inch pie pan. Mix remaining ingredients together, adding pecans last. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 15 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 30 to 35 minutes longer, or until a silver knife inserted in center of filling comes out clean.

Peanuts or shredded coconut may be substituted for pecans in above recipe.

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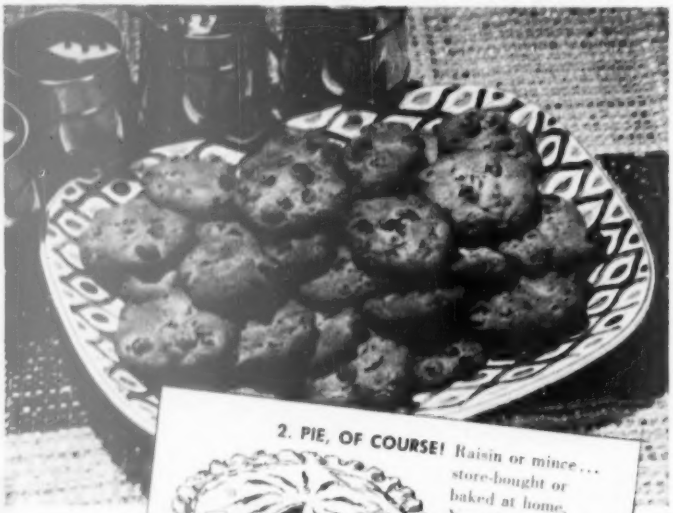

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CONTEST FOR COOKS

Recipes wanted for molded salads and marshmallow wonders

YOU'LL BE in for some money if you send us one of the winning recipes for this month's contest. Molded salads and marshmallow wonders share the honors. You have 21 chances to win a prize. Cook-of-the-Month will be mailed $10. The 20 other winners will receive $3. Eight of the best recipes will be pictured in *Better Homes & Gardens* Prize Tested Recipe pages next July.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe*.

Hints to help you—

Molded salads are summer's delight—a year-round favorite. You serve as main course, accompaniment, or dessert. To remind you of all the many delicious possibilities, we give you a short list of suggestions:

- molded chicken loaf
- vegetable medley
- seafood salad
- jellied fruit
- ham salad mold
- your best gelatine salad

Marshmallow wonders are sure-hit treats for all ages. Whether your good recipe is for a dessert, pie, or candy, we want to hear about it. Your family's choice may be one of these:

- cake filling, frosting
- frozen fruit salad
- sundae topping
- dessert roll
- luscious pie
- rich ice cream
- refrigerator dessert
- easy candy

Contest rules—

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "July Molded Salads" or "July Marshmallow Wonders."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of the recipe you submit.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens*.
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, December 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5412 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 77 and 78*)

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WALNUT ONE EGG CAKE

WITH LEMON FILLING

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For success—*do these first:*

1. Have ingredients room temperature (70° to 75°). In hot weather, use milk and egg directly from refrigerator.
2. *Preheat* oven to 350° (moderate).
3. Grease *generously* and dust with flour 2 round layer pans, 8 x 1½-in.
4. Measure *level* for accuracy with standard measuring cups and spoons.
5. *Sift* SOFTASILK CAKE FLOUR, then spoon *lightly* into cup and level off. *Do not pack.*

Sift together into bowl . . . **2 cups *sifted* SOFTASILK Cake Flour**, **1 1/4 cups sugar**, **2 1/2 tsp. double-action baking powder**, **1 tsp. salt**

Add . . . . . **1/3 cup high grade shortening**, **1 tsp. vanilla**, **2/3 cup milk**

Beat vigorously with spoon for 2 minutes by clock (about 150 strokes per minute). You may rest a moment when beating by hand; just count actual beating time or strokes. *Or* mix with electric mixer on *medium speed* (middle of dial) for 2 minutes. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl constantly.

Add . . . . . **1/3 cup milk**, **1/4 cup unbeaten egg (1 large)**

Continue beating 2 more minutes, scraping bowl constantly.

Fold in . . . . . **1/2 cup finely chopped DIAMOND Walnuts**

Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake *25 to 30 minutes* in *moderate oven* (350°). When cake is cool, spread Lemon Filling (recipe below) between layers. Frost top and sides with Double Boiler Icing (recipe below). Sprinkle top of iced cake with about ½ cup chopped DIAMOND Walnuts or garnish with DIAMOND Walnut halves.

LEMON FILLING

Mix together in sauce pan ¾ cup sugar, 2 tbsp. cornstarch, ⅛ tsp. salt. Stir in gradually ⅔ cup water. Bring to a boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Add the hot mixture to 1 egg yolk, slightly beaten. Cook 1 minute more, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, 3 tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tbsp. butter. Cool before spreading on cake.

DOUBLE BOILER ICING

Mix in top of double boiler 1 egg white, ¾ cup sugar, ⅛ tsp. cream of tartar, 3 tbsp. water. Place over boiling water and beat with rotary beater until mixture holds its shape. This takes 5 to 7 minutes, depending on size of boiler and vigor of beating. Fold in ½ tsp. vanilla. Remove from over hot water and continue beating until cool and stiff.

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Festive snacks

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Pistachio-Cheese Dip

A green-and-white polka-dot spread to serve with your favorite crackers—

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
- ½ cup light cream
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- ½ cup chopped salted pistachio nuts

Blend cream cheese and blue cheese together. Combine with cream. Add lemon juice and nuts. Chill. Makes 1½ cups.

Fruitcake Delight

It's almost like eating candy!—

- 1 cup candied pineapple, cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup candied cherries
- ½ cup finely cut candied orange peel
- ½ cup finely cut candied lemon peel
- 3 tablespoons finely cut citron
- ⅓ cup shortening
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 well-beaten eggs
- ½ cup enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- Dash allspice
- Dash nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 3½ cups pecan halves

Wash the sugar from the candied fruits and dry on paper toweling. Thoroughly cream shortening and brown sugar. Add honey; beat. Add eggs and beat. Sift together flour, salt, baking powder, and spices; add alternately with orange juice to the creamed mixture. Line 8x8x2-inch pan with two thicknesses of waxed paper; grease top layer. Spread ⅓ of batter over bottom. Save some cherries and nuts to trim top. Add rest of fruits and nuts to remaining batter; spoon mixture on top of batter in pan; pack it down and smooth top with spoon. Decorate with cherries and nuts. Cover with brown paper. Set in pan of water for the first hour of baking. Bake in slow oven (300°) about 2 hours. When cool, glaze with hot corn syrup. Cut in 2-inch squares. Makes 16 pieces.

Cranberry Sparkle Cocktail

- 1 16-ounce bottle (2 cups) cranberry-juice cocktail
- 1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) pineapple juice
- 1 18-ounce can (2½ cups) grapefruit juice

Combine chilled juices. Pour over ice. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Molasses Popcorn Balls

- 1¾ cups light molasses
- 2 cups sugar
- ⅔ cup water
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 3½ quarts popped corn

Cook molasses, sugar, water, and vinegar to hard-ball stage (250°). Remove from heat. With damp cloth, wipe crystals from pouring side of saucepan. Add soda by sifting through a sieve. Stir to mix thoroughly. Pour hot syrup over hot popped corn. Form in balls. (Use fat on hands, if necessary.) Makes about 1 dozen.

Peppermint Popcorn Balls

A festive green glaze shines on crisp popcorn—

- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Green food coloring
- ½ teaspoon peppermint extract

Cook sugar, water, and vinegar to hard-ball stage (250°). Remove from heat. Add food coloring until desired shade is reached. Add peppermint extract. With damp cloth, wipe crystals from pouring side of saucepan. Pour hot syrup over hot popped corn. Form in balls. (Use fat on hands, if necessary.) Makes about 8.

Cinnamon Popcorn Balls

- 1½ cups sugar
- ½ cup red cinnamon candies
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 quarts popped corn

Cook sugar, cinnamon candies, water, and vinegar to hard-ball stage (250°). Remove from heat. With damp cloth, wipe crystals from pouring side of saucepan. Pour hot syrup over hot popped corn. Form in balls. (Use fat on hands, if necessary.) Makes about 8 balls.

Golden Rabbit

So easy you could make it before your guests in true chafing-dish style—

- 1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed mushroom soup
- 2 cups (½ pound) grated sharp American cheese
- ¼ cup chopped ripe olives
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper

Combine soup and cheese in double boiler or chafing dish. Heat until cheese melts, stirring occasionally. Add olives and green pepper. Garnish with a ring of sliced, pitted ripe olives and chopped parsley, in wreath design, if desired. Serve over **Toasty Bread Logs:** Cut unsliced sandwich loaf in sticks 1½ inches wide and about 6 inches long. Butter sticks lightly; then toast under broiler. Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Mincemeat-filled Cookies

An orange 'n' mincemeat filling that's worth talking about!—

- 1⅓ cups shortening
- 1½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 4 cups enriched flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 to 3 tablespoons milk

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs; beat until light and fluffy. Mix in vanilla and orange peel. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; stir into creamed mixture along with milk. Divide in half. Chill. Roll out dough ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface and cut with 2¾-inch cutter. Cut small Christmas tree in centers of half the cookies.

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Want to please even the fussiest member of your family?

Recipe

CABBAGE GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

- 1 package Lime Jell-O
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar
- 1 large orange
- 1 medium-sized grapefruit
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced scallions

Dissolve Jell-O and salt in *hot* water. Add lemon juice. Section orange and grapefruit, reserving juice. Add water to this juice to make 1 cup; then add to Jell-O mixture. Chill until slightly thickened. Dice orange and grapefruit sections; fold into Jell-O with cabbage and scallions. Turn into 1½-quart ring mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on salad greens. Serve with mayonnaise. Makes 6 servings.

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This cherished recipe now varied 3 ways. Bake it dark, medium or light—whichever you prefer!

DARK DELUXE (basic recipe):

Preheat oven to 275° (slow). Mix together...

- **1 cup WESSON OIL**
- **1½ cups brown sugar (packed in cup)**
- ***4 eggs**

Beat vigorously with spoon or electric mixer for 2 minutes.

Sift together

- **2 cups *sifted* all-purpose flour, such as Gold Medal**
- ***1 teaspoon double-action baking powder**
- ***2 teaspoons salt**
- **2 teaspoons cinnamon**
- **2 teaspoons allspice**
- **1 teaspoon cloves**

Stir into oil mixture alternately with

- ****1 cup pineapple, apple or orange juice**

Mix **1 cup more *sifted* flour**

into

- **1 cup thinly sliced citron**
- **1 cup chopped candied pineapple**
- **1½ cups whole candied cherries**
- **1 cup raisins**
- **1 cup chopped figs**
- **3 cups coarsely chopped nuts**

Pour batter over fruit, mixing thoroughly. Line with brown paper 2 greased loaf pans, 8½ x 4½ x 2½-in. Pour batter into the pans. Place a pan of water on lower oven rack. Bake cakes 2½ to 3 hours in slow oven (275°). After baking, let cakes stand 15 minutes before removing from pans. Cool thoroughly on racks without removing paper. When cool, remove paper. Store by wrapping tightly in aluminum foil, then put in covered jar in a cool place to ripen.

*When using Gold Medal Self-Rising Flour: (1) Omit baking powder and salt. (2) Have fruit juice boiling hot when adding. (3) Do not add eggs until the mixture has cooled to lukewarm (about ½ hour).

**Do not use orange juice in Elegant White Cake because of color.

SPICY OLD-FASHIONED: *Follow* basic recipe but, use only 1½ cups white sugar instead of brown and add ¼ cup molasses. Instead of allspice and cloves, substitute 1 teaspoon nutmeg. In place of fruits and nuts, use: 2⅔ cups seedless raisins (15-oz. pkg.), 2 cups cut-up dates (1 lb.), 2 cups mixed candied fruit (1 lb.), 1 cup nuts in large pieces.

ELEGANT WHITE: *Follow* basic recipe, but use white sugar instead of brown sugar. Omit spices. In place of fruits and nuts, use: 1 cup thinly sliced citron, ½ cup thinly sliced candied lemon peel, 1 cup candied pineapple (1-in. pieces), 1½ cups whole candied cherries, 3 cups seedless white raisins (1 lb.), 2 cups nuts in large pieces.

AMERICA'S NO. 1 SALAD OIL AND LIQUID SHORTENING

STIR-N-ROLL MINCE PIE

From Betty Crocker's Staff at General Mills

Preheat oven to 425°. Mix together...

- **2 cups sifted Gold Medal Flour**
- ***1½ tsp. salt**

Pour into one measuring cup (but don't stir)

- **½ cup WESSON OIL**
- **¼ cup cold whole milk**

Then pour all at once into flour.

Stir until mixed. Press with hands into smooth ball. Cut in halves; flatten halves slightly.

Place one half between 2 sheets of waxed paper (12 in. square). Roll out gently until circle reaches edges of paper. (Waxed paper will not slip while rolling pastry if table top is slightly damp.) Peel off top paper. If dough tears, mend without moistening by pressing edges together, or press a scrap over tear.

Lift paper and pastry by top corners; they will cling together. Place (paper side up) in 9-in. pie pan. Carefully peel off paper. Gently ease and fit pastry into pan. Add *None Such Mincemeat* Filling; follow package instructions. Trim crust even with rim.

TOP CRUST: Roll as above and place over filling. Trim to rim. Seal by pressing gently with fork or by fluting edge. Snip 3 or 4 small slits near center. Bake about 40 min. in hot oven (425°) until golden brown.

*If you use Gold Medal *Self-Rising* Flour, omit salt. Bake about 50 minutes at 375°.

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Place 2 teaspoons filling on each plain cooky. Top with a cutout cooky; press edges with fork. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 12 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen. **Mincemeat Filling:** Break mincemeat from one 9-ounce package into pieces. Add ½ cup orange juice, ¼ cup lemon juice, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 teaspoons grated orange peel, and 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel. Heat and stir until lumps are broken. Simmer 1 minute. Cool; add ¼ cup chopped maraschino cherries and ¼ cup chopped California walnuts.

Nesselrode Pudding

A dainty frozen dessert, each serving in its own little cup. Make them far ahead of party time—

- 2 egg whites
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ⅓ cup grape nuts
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped toasted almonds
- ¼ cup maraschino cherries, cut in fourths
- 1 tablespoon maraschino-cherry syrup
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- Grape nuts
- Maraschino cherries

Beat egg whites till foamy; add 2 tablespoons sugar gradually and beat till stiff. Fold in grape nuts, almonds, cherries, cherry syrup, and vanilla. Beat confectioners' sugar into whipped cream; fold into first mixture. Sprinkle more grape nuts in bottom of large soufflé cups, cupcake liners placed in muffin pans, or custard cups. Pour in cherry mixture. Freeze firm. Top each with a cherry cut in fifths and arranged to form a flower; sprinkle a few grape nuts in center. Makes 5 to 8 servings.

St. Nick's Cookies

Don't let anyone keep count when you start eating these—

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2¼ cups enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup finely chopped California walnuts

Cream butter to soften; thoroughly cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla. Sift flour and salt together; stir into creamed mixture. Add chopped nuts. Chill dough. Shape in 1-inch balls. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (400°) 10 to 12 minutes or until set but not brown. Immediately remove from cooky sheet and roll in colored sugar. Cool. Roll half in green sugar and half in red sugar. Makes about 4 dozen. **To tint sugar:** Add a few drops of red or green food coloring to sugar and shake in covered jar.

SMART COOK!

How to crack California walnuts when you want perfect halves

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Stand the walnut on its blunt end; give the pointed end a sharp, bouncing blow. The metal-rimmed center block of the nut bowl in the picture helps to anchor the nut. Or, you can use a wooden block that has been covered with a piece of sandpaper to help steady the nut

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Chill until partially thickened.

Fold in
1 small orange, cut in chunks
½ cup pineapple chunks
1 can Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce (Jellied or Whole)
¼ cup chopped walnuts
Chill until firm. Makes 1 quart. 8 to 10 servings.

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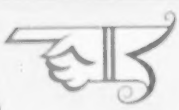

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Frosty Eggnog. **Hand your guests cups of this delicious, foamy treat, and your reputation as a hostess will zoom. You freeze the eggnog days before your open house. The day of the party, thaw eggnog an hour, beat till fluffy-smooth**

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Appetizers galore. **Bet guests reach first for the French-fried Shrimp! Festive candle warmer keeps Swedish Meat Balls hot and tasty. Anchovy Dip is piled high in wooden bowl. Little squares next to the crackers are Turkey Pate**

with a freezer

Best Turkey Pie Knowing a wonderful meal waits in your freezer can add unbelievable warmth to your hospitality. Just count noses, then bake turkey pies to go around

Allen Snook

Ice Cream-Mince Pie. For the luscious filling, you simply stir mincemeat into softened vanilla ice cream. The graham-cracker crust is easy, too. Calorie counters, if there are any at holiday season, can skip the whipped cream

Stanley

Cranberries. Now that they're so plentiful, tuck a few bags in your freezer. You just stem and sort the berries. Scoop enough in each bag or carton for a favorite recipe. Then seal and freeze

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Easy with a freezer

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Turkey or Chicken Pate

- ½ cup ground California walnuts
- 2 cups cooked turkey or chicken
- 4 tablespoons (4 envelopes) unflavored gelatine
- ½ cup cold water
- ½ cup hot water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 teaspoons onion juice, if desired

Add ground walnuts to turkey; put mixture through fine blade of your food chopper *twice*. Soften gelatine in ½ cup cold water for 5 minutes. Add ½ cup hot water to gelatine and dissolve over hot water. Add seasonings and onion juice to meat-nut mixture; toss together. Then add dissolved gelatine and mix thoroughly. Pour into quart freezing container and freeze. **To serve:** Remove from freezer and let thaw 2 hours at room temperature. Slice in servings.

Ice Cream-Mince Pie

- 1½ cups graham-cracker crumbs (18 crackers)
- ⅓ cup sugar
- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 cup mincemeat, well drained
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream

Mix graham-cracker crumbs, sugar, and melted butter. Press firmly in greased 9-inch metal-rimmed paper pie plate. Chill until set, about 45 minutes. Stir mincemeat into softened ice cream and place in freezer until almost firm. Fill pie shell with ice cream; wrap, and freeze. **To serve:** Remove from freezer; top with whipped cream and chopped California walnuts.

Best Turkey Pie

- ½ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup tiny whole onions
- 2 cups turkey broth or 2 chicken bouillon cubes dissolved in 2 cups hot water
- ¼ cup enriched flour
- 1 3-ounce can (¾ cup) sliced, broiled mushrooms
- 3 cups chopped cooked turkey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper

Cook celery and onions in small amount of boiling, salted water; drain. Heat 1½ cups broth to a boil. Blend flour with remaining ½ cup *cool* broth; stir into hot broth. Cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into three 1-pint aluminum freezer containers. **Top with Pastry:** Sift together 1 cup enriched flour and ½ teaspoon salt. Cut in ⅓ cup shortening. Add 2½ to 3 tablespoons cold water and stir until flour particles are barely dampened. Turn mixture onto a square of waxed paper. Gather up corners, pressing from the outside to form a compact ball. Chill for easier handling. Roll crust to fit containers, leaving an extra inch all around. Adjust pastry over turkey mixture and fold dough under to fit inside the container rim. Flute edges. Put covers on containers; freeze. **To serve:** Uncover containers; prick crusts with a fork. Bake in a very hot oven (450°) 30 to 35 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Frosty Eggnog

- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
- ½ cup cold milk
- 3½ cups milk, scalded
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 beaten egg yolks
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon lemon extract, or rum or brandy flavoring

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- 3 egg whites

Soften gelatine in ½ cup cold milk. Dissolve in hot milk. Add sugar. Stir small amount hot mixture into egg yolks; stir into remaining hot mixture. Add flavorings. Cool. Package and freeze. Place egg whites in small container and freeze. **To serve:** Let egg whites and eggnog thaw 1 hour and 15 minutes at room temperature. Beat egg whites till stiff. Break frozen eggnog in chunks with a wooden spoon; turn into chilled bowl. Beat fluffy-smooth with electric or rotary beater. Fold in egg whites. Sprinkle with nutmeg, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

French-fried Shrimp

Clean uncooked shrimp. Dry thoroughly. Dip in batter made by beating together 1 cup enriched flour, ½ teaspoon sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 1 cup ice water, and 2 tablespoons salad oil. If you're keeping shrimp frozen very long, *omit salt*. Fry in deep fat (360°) to a pale golden color. Drain on paper towels. Then cover with waxed paper and cool. Arrange shrimp on cooky sheet, wrap snugly in aluminum foil, and freeze. Or package in freezing container. **To serve:** Unwrap; heat in hot oven (425°) about 25 minutes.

Swedish Meat Balls

- ½ cup fine, dry bread crumbs
- ½ cup warm cream
- ½ pound beef
- ¼ pound veal
- ¼ pound pork
- ½ cup milk
- 2 slightly beaten egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 1 tablespoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- Dash allspice

Soak crumbs in cream. Grind meats three times, using fine blade of food chopper. Combine crumbs and meat; mix thoroughly; add milk. Stir in egg yolks, onion, and seasonings. Form in tiny balls; brown on all sides in hot fat. Cool quickly to room temperature; package in cartons; freeze at once. **To serve:** Heat 45 minutes in top of double boiler. Makes 8 servings.

Anchovy Dip

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 6-ounce can (⅔ cup) tomato paste
- 1 2-ounce jar or tube anchovy paste

Soften cream cheese. Blend in tomato paste and anchovy paste. Package and freeze. **To serve:** Let thaw at room temperature about 3 hours. Makes about 2 cups.

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Garden Clinic

Unusual foliage plants you'll like to grow

Q *I'd like to try growing some different foliage plants. What would you suggest?* *V. T. S., Ohio*

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The Hahni sansevieria is fun for new gardeners. Short and spreading, it will grow in spite of poor light and inconsistent watering.

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Try this new peperomia, *Peperomia scandens*, a trailing variety. Grow this plant in fairly good light and keep it moderately watered.

How to make a WOW of a cocktail!

Fill glass with ice cold tomato juice

Add a pinch of salt and pepper

Add teaspoon of FRENCH'S WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE THAT'S ALL!

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Christmas radiance

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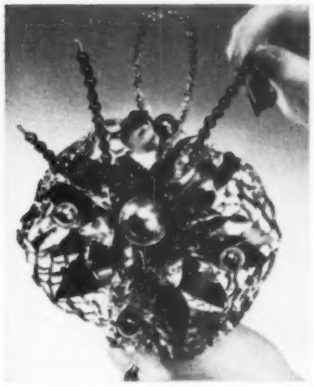
Nosegay of brilliance looks pretty on a package, on your tree, or as a corsage.

To make the nosegay you see below, twist a 5x20-inch strip of woven foil into a rosette; tie securely.

Cut 2 discs from red foil, one 6 inches across, the other 4 inches. Cut the discs petal fashion as shown at right.



Tie the two red foil flowers on top of rosette. Put small Christmas balls on red-tinted pipe cleaners; glue securely.

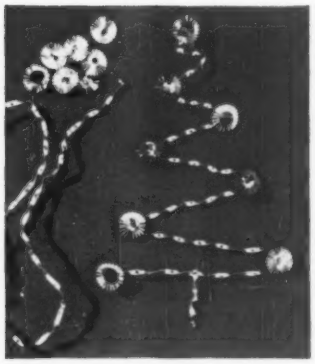
Place the balls around the metallic flowers. Lastly tuck in bright bead sprays. Cut the sprays of beads different lengths for added interest.

Add a loop of gold-tinseled wire if you wish to hang the ornament on your tree, or dangle it at your window.

Shiny angel can serve as a place-card stand or a glistening tree ornament.

From colored foil, cut a 5-inch circle and two 2-inch circles. Form large circle into a cone; fasten ends together. Tape on circular wings.

Use a Christmas ball for the head; pipe cleaner to hold it in place. Add a gold cord for halo; sequins for decoration.



Miniature thin-line tree is easy and fun to make. Cut a tin can into a long strip, ⅜ inch wide. Then with pliers, twist the strip evenly.

Cut off a piece 21 inches long. Bend the strip back and forth to form a tree. Make the bottom branch of the tree 4½ inches across.

For sparkle, add a sequin wheel to each branch. Hang wee trees on your big tree.

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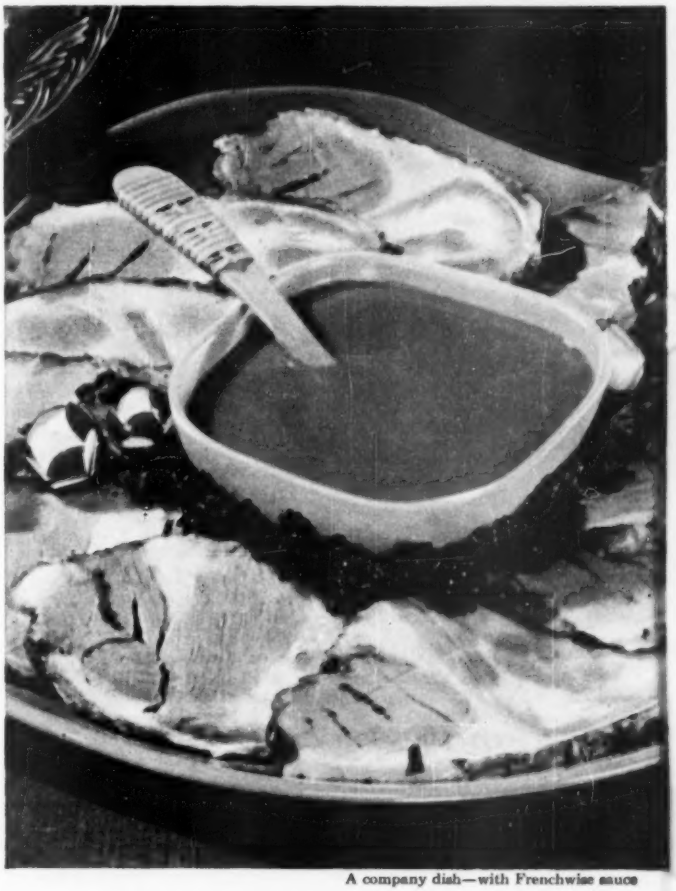

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HAM AND POTATO SALAD

1 cup diced, cooked ham
2 cups diced, cooked potatoes
1 cup diced celery
3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
½ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup French's Prepared Mustard

Combine ham, potatoes, celery and eggs. Salt and pepper to taste. Blend mayonnaise and mustard. Mix lightly with ham, etc. Serve on crisp lettuce leaves. Decorate with sliced olives. Yield: 3-4 servings.

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Christmas radiance

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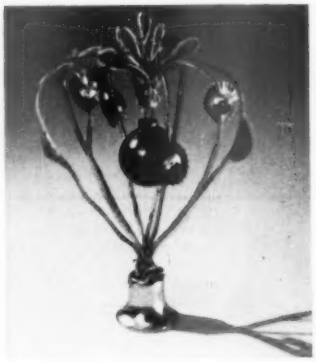
Glamour star glistens with beads and tinsel.

You cut a 10-inch circle from green foil. Then draw a 4-pointed star and cut as shown, lower right. Curl the 4 center pieces in.

Glue tinsel to center of star; add colored plastic beads to form a design. Tie on loop of tinseled wire.



Golden cage contains a pretty red Christmas ball. A tiny bell tinkles gaily as you hang it on your tree.

To make it, you cut eight 6-inch strips of gold-covered wire; bend to form bird-cage shape. Twist wire together at bottom and add a tiny bell.

Fashion neat loops at top of cage. Hang red ball inside. Stick sparkling sequin wheels on side of cage.

Holiday whirligig is a multicolored beauty. Ideal to hang around the fireplace.

Cut a long strip, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, from a tin can. Cut off a piece 4 inches long; twist it to form a circle. Then add colorful sequins.

Shape an untwisted strip of tin into a spiral tree. Follow outline with string of red beads. Wire tree and circle together, a gold ball at top.

Gala star has an angel medallion in the center.

Cut an 11-point star from a foil circle 5 inches across. Paste contrasting sequins on each of the points.

In the center glue a little wooden or plastic angel, or choose a Santa figure.

Over it paste a clear plastic half-ball. Glue 2 wreaths of tinseled wire around "bubble." Add a hook to top.

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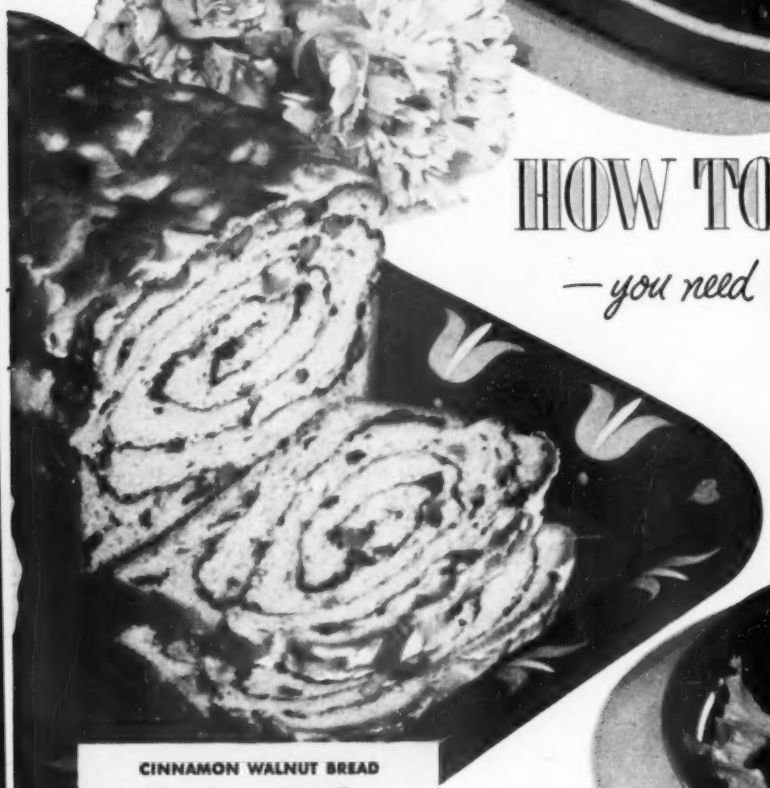
Who'd guess they're made from "leftovers," when *Diamond* Walnuts give such flavor to—

WALNUT COWBOY CROQUETTES

Make 1 cup very thick white sauce. Beat in 1 egg. Then stir in:

- **1½ cups ground or finely chopped turkey or chicken**
- **½ cup chopped *Diamond* Walnuts**
- **1 cup seasoned mashed potatoes, or ½ cup dry bread crumbs**
- **2 tbsps. each, minced onion and parsley**
- **Dash of savory and pepper**

Chill several hours, till firm enough to handle. Have ready 2 cups dry bread crumbs, 1 egg beaten with 2 tbsps. water, and ¼ cup melted butter. Shape rounded tbsp. of turkey mixture into flat patty for "brim." Dip in crumbs, then in egg, then again in crumbs. Shape rounded tbsp. turkey mixture into cone for "crown." Coat with crumbs and egg as above; make "crease" in crown with finger; place on "brim." Trim with pimiento strip and *Diamond* Walnut half. Brush with butter. Bake at 375° (moderate) 20 to 25 min. Makes 8 "hats."



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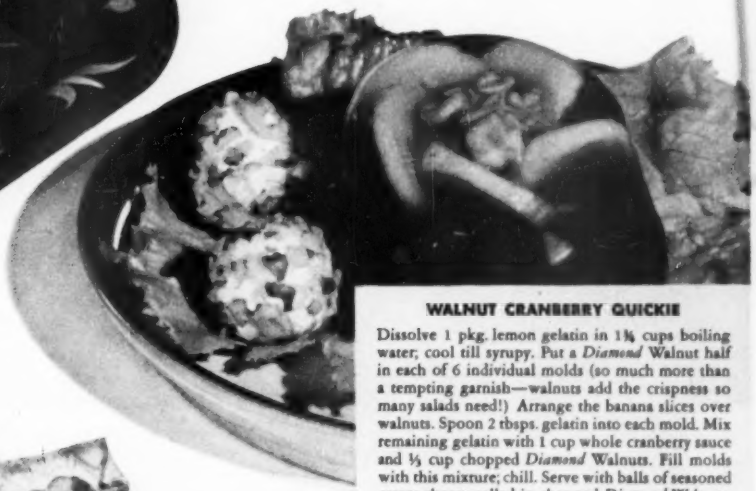

CINNAMON WALNUT BREAD

- **1 cup chopped *Diamond* Walnuts**
- **3 tbsps. soft shortening**
- **2 tbsps. sugar**
- **1 egg, unbeaten**
- **¾ cup milk**
- **3 cups biscuit mix**
- **3 tbsps. sugar and 1 tbsp. cinnamon for filling**

See how crisp, crunchy *Diamond* Walnuts turn an old favorite into a new treat! Mix walnuts with shortening and sugar, till shortening is finely divided; blend in egg. Stir in milk and biscuit mix. Turn onto floured board; knead 10 strokes. Roll out ¼" thick. Sprinkle with sugar mixed with cinnamon. Roll as for jelly roll. Place in ungreased bread pan, seam side down. Bake 40–45 min. at 375° (moderate). Glaze with thin mixture of powdered sugar and water. Just try it toasted!

WALNUT CRANBERRY QUICKIE

Dissolve 1 pkg. lemon gelatin in 1¼ cups boiling water; cool till syrupy. Put a *Diamond* Walnut half in each of 6 individual molds (so much more than a tempting garnish—walnuts add the crispness so many salads need!) Arrange the banana slices over walnuts. Spoon 2 tbsps. gelatin into each mold. Mix remaining gelatin with 1 cup whole cranberry sauce and ⅓ cup chopped *Diamond* Walnuts. Fill molds with this mixture; chill. Serve with balls of seasoned cream cheese rolled in chopped *Diamond* Walnuts.

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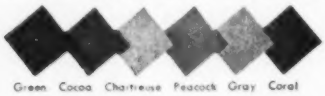

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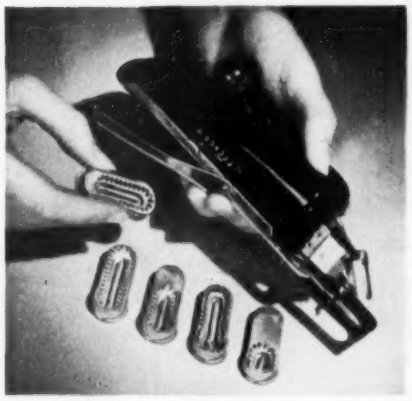
Gifts for women who sew

By Charlene Warren

A sure way to please any woman who likes to sew: Give her smooth-working sewing equipment. Any of the items you see on this page will be a real joy to use, because they make sewing easier and more fun. All are practical; they save time, effort, and even the occasional temper flare-up that stems from not having the right equipment to work with.

The gifts suggested here range in price from about 50 cents to $20. Any or all will be valuable to the woman you're buying for, whether she spends most of her sewing time making draperies, youngsters' clothes, or patching Dad's trousers.



Buttonhole maker can make a dozen buttonholes in the time it takes an experienced seamstress to make just one by hand. Costs around $10. It's fitted with five metal plates which determine size of buttonholes.

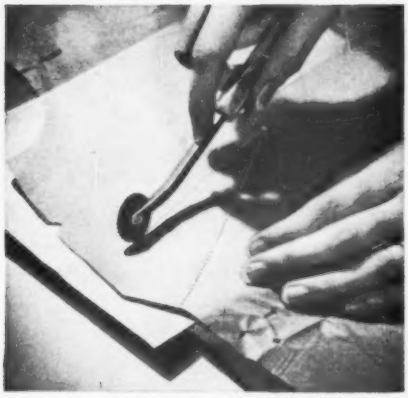
A big timesaver for the woman who makes clothes for the family, it could be just the gift for inspiring a tailored wool shirt for Dad.

Buttonhole attachments are made for nearly every major brand straight-stitching sewing machine. Buy the brand for the machine on which it will be used.

Photographs: Hopkins

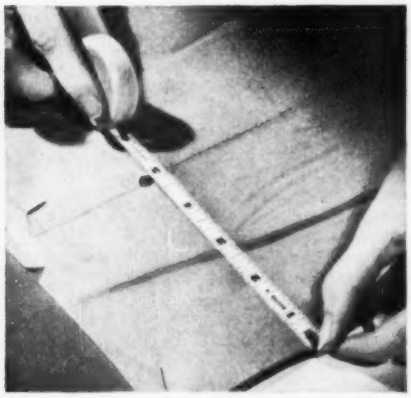
Sewing scissors and shears are valuable to successful sewing. Give a single pair or, for a very special gift, a set of four. A set usually includes pinking shears for trimming seams; dressmaker's shears for cutting out garments; sewing scissors for general sewing and darning; and embroidery scissors for fine cutting.

A set of four of hot-drop-forge quality will cost from $13 to $20. Test before you buy, to make sure scissors and shears will cut fabrics cleanly and easily.



A tracing wheel is a real timesaver. Costs less than $1. With it, give a package or two of dressmaker's carbon paper. Together, the wheel and carbon make it easy to transfer darts, grainlines, tucks, and other pattern markings to both sides of fabric.

Simply run wheel, pressing firmly, along lines to be transferred. The paper is packaged in assorted shades for use on fabrics of different colors.



A steel tape. Prices range from about 50 cents to $1. It can be used in hundreds of ways at the sewing machine, and all around the house, too. Here, it helps double-check a pattern to make certain it's lying correctly on the true grainline of the fabric.

Black clip (see it near the 6-inch mark) is an added feature of some brands; it holds tape at length wanted until user is ready to let it snap back into the case.

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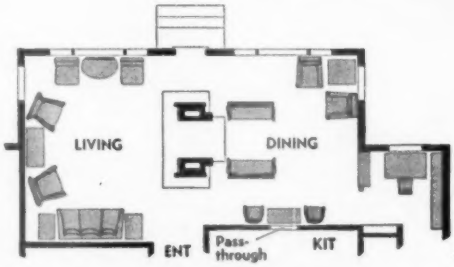
Floor-length draperies are hung on traverse rods, just above the door and window frames. The deep, ruffled valance is mounted at the ceiling line, and hangs down over draperies.

Notice how the valance is cut to fit around the ceiling beam. Valance looks like a continuous strip; actually, it's in two pieces. The cutout section of one piece overlaps the other, and is held in place with a snap fastener. See below, how it works.

Wood plank is mounted on the wall with angle irons, tight against ceiling. Snap-tape is stapled along edge of plank, and a corresponding tape is stitched along top of the ruffled valance.

White walls are unpainted plaster, mixed with straw to give them unusual texture.



Floor plan shows how island fireplace divides living-dining areas. And see how furniture is arranged to make it the focal point of both rooms. Window wall overlooks garden area

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Merry Christmas

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Mother says to start in right away before the Raspberry Sherbet in the center of the cocktail melts. (She knows Dad likes it better when eyes are diverted from his carving.)

While the juicy slices of light and dark meat fall from Dad's sharp knife, everyone chatters about the tiny pine-cone boutonniers tied around each napkin, the Brussels-sprout topknot on the buttered corn, the pimiento-stuffed pickle chips.

Someone mentions how fluffy the butter-drenched mashed potatoes look, how satin-smooth the gravy is, how it wouldn't be Christmas without the old-fashioned cranberry sauce. And the family teases Mother till she gives away the secret about what's coming for dessert—it's luscious, rich Eggnog Pie!

Here are the recipes from Mother's own holiday collection.

Roast Turkey

Use these directions for cooking a turkey you'll be proud to serve whether it's a 4- or 24-pounder—

Stuff turkey just before roasting. Allow ¾ to 1 cup stuffing per pound ready-to-cook weight. Stuff wishbone cavity lightly and skewer neck skin to back. Bring wings up "akimbo" and tuck tips under back. Rub cavity with salt. Spoon in stuffing. Shake bird to settle dressing; do not pack. Close opening by placing skewers across it and lacing shut with cord. Tie drumsticks securely to tail. Grease skin thoroughly. (If you use a meat thermometer, insert it between first and second ribs, then push tip to center of stuffing; or insert it in the inside thigh muscle.)

Place breast down on rack in shallow pan; cover turkey with fat-moistened cheesecloth—do not cover pan. If cloth dries, moisten with fat from bottom of pan. Turn breast up for the last hour. If the bird is very heavy and difficult to turn, start breast up or breast down if you use a V-rack, and leave in this position. Roast at constant low temperature.

Turkey Roasting Chart

Set oven at 325°. Times are for stuffed chilled turkeys, and are approximate only—

Ready-to-cook weight (before stuffing)	Time (total)
4–8 lbs.	3¼–4¾ hrs.
8–12 lbs.	4¾–5½ hrs.
12–16 lbs.	5½–6¼ hrs.
16–20 lbs.	6¼–8¾ hrs.
20–24 lbs.	8¾–10½ hrs.

About 15 to 30 minutes before time is up according to the roasting chart, test doneness by moving drumstick up and down. Leg joint should give readily or break. Or press thick part of drumstick. (Protect your fingers with paper towel.) Meat is done if it feels very soft. If you used a meat thermometer, it should register 165° if inserted in stuffing, or 200° if in thigh. Let

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TABASCO* Macaroni-Cheese

1 8-oz. pkg. macaroni
2 tbsps. butter
1 tbsp. flour
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. dry mustard
¼ tsp. TABASCO
2 cups milk
2 cups grated cheese

Break macaroni, cook and drain. Melt butter, add flour, salt, mustard and TABASCO; stir to smooth paste. Add milk and cook, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil; add ½ the grated cheese, stir until melted. Add macaroni to sauce; turn into 1½ qt. casserole; sprinkle remaining cheese on top and bake in moderate oven (400° F.) 20 minutes. Serves 6.

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turkey stand 20 minutes before carving. Carving will be easier and slices neater.

Savory Stuffing

Make half the recipe to stuff a 5-pound capon—

Turkey giblets	½ cup chopped celery
12 cups toasted bread cubes	2 teaspoons salt
½ cup minced parsley	1 teaspoon pepper
½ cup chopped onion	3 teaspoons sage
	1 cup milk
	2 beaten eggs

Simmer giblets till tender in salted water; reserve 1½ cups broth; chop giblets. Toss bread cubes with parsley, onion, celery, and seasonings. Add milk, eggs, chopped giblets, and giblet broth. Makes enough stuffing for 10- to 12-pound turkey. *Note: You'll find recipes for Oyster Stuffing and Giblet Stuffing (very different from our Savory Stuffing) in the November issue of* Better Homes & Gardens.

Merry Fruit Cup

A beautiful beginning for a very special dinner—

1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) fruits for salad, chilled	1 recipe Raspberry Sherbet or cranberry sherbet

Arrange fruit in large sherbet or dessert dishes. Top each with a scoop of sherbet. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Raspberry Sherbet

Come summer, put a big scoop of this fresh-tasting sherbet in the hollow of a melon wedge and serve as dessert—

2 12-ounce packages frozen raspberries	¾ cup evaporated milk
¼ cup lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned	3 egg whites
	Dash salt

Thaw raspberries; press through a fine sieve. Add lemon juice. Add raspberry mixture gradually to milk. Pour into refrigerator tray and freeze till firm. Break in chunks. Beat with electric beater until smooth.* Beat egg whites till foamy; add salt and beat till stiff; fold into raspberry mixture. Freeze firm. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

*Or freeze mixture till partially frozen. Beat smooth with rotary beater.

Perfect Gravy

Rich brown, smooth, with that wonderful turkey flavor. Make plenty to spoon over mashed potatoes, Savory Stuffing—

After removing turkey to a warm platter, leave crusty bits in pan and pour liquid into a measuring cup. When fat comes to the top, skim it off. Then for each cup gravy, measure 2 tablespoons of fat back into roasting pan. Add 2 tablespoons flour for each cup gravy; blend thoroughly. Cook till frothy. For richer flavor and color, brown the flour to a light tan. Add 1 cup lukewarm liquid (meat juices from roasting turkey plus giblet broth, milk, or water) for each cup gravy. Cook till thick, stirring constantly and scraping bottom and sides of

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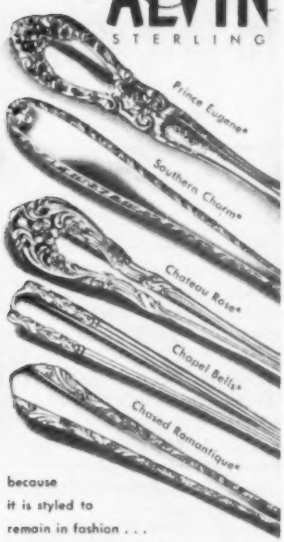

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For novel way to serve, See Page 104

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pan to blend in the crusty bits. Simmer about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour into hot gravy boat.

Eggnog Pie

The filling is delicate, fluffy, made in a jiffy—

3 beaten egg yolks
½ cup sugar
2 cups light cream
Dash salt
Dash nutmeg
½ teaspoon vanilla
3 stiff-beaten egg whites
1 recipe Plain Pastry

Beat the egg yolks, sugar, and cream together. Add salt, nutmeg, and vanilla. Fold in egg whites; pour into 9-inch pastry-lined pie-pan. Bake in hot oven (400°) 25 to 30 minutes. Cooking sherry or rum extract may be used instead of vanilla.

Plain Pastry

1½ cups enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
4 to 5 tablespoons cold water

Sift flour and salt; add shortening. Cut in with pastry-blender or blending fork until pieces are size of small peas. Add cold water by teaspoonfuls, tossing with a fork until all the flour-coated bits of fat are barely dampened. Turn mixture onto a square of waxed paper. Gather up corners, pressing from the outside to form a compact ball. Divide for lower and upper crust. Chill for easier handling. Roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface.

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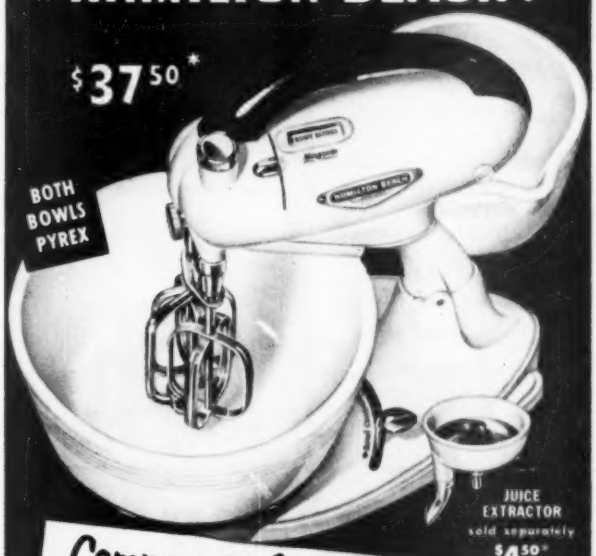

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The Way Today—

How to give gifts

By Margo Garrity

It's gift-giving season! That delightful remembering time when you package surprises for your loved ones and friends. As you make out your list, it gets longer and longer—Dad, Mother, the children, favorite relatives and friends. And, of course, you want to show just how much you appreciate them all.

Even simple gifts can express your best wishes. Secret is to select them carefully, wrap them smartly, and especially to give them graciously. Turnabout—when you're the happy receiver, your most sincere smile and enthusiastic "thank you" will make the giver beam.

If you're a bit uncertain about gift etiquette—the who, what, and when—glance over these tips.

Store-decorated. Professionally wrapped packages are so beautiful! But be sure to make them personal with a note or greeting written by *you* tucked inside. You'll aid the busy clerks if you have your signed card ready when you request gift-wrapping service.

Folding money, bright pennies. Money can be a welcome gift if you wrap it cleverly or in an interesting way. Let your package show originality and personality. You may like to tape dollar bills to each hand of a jack-in-the-box, line a serving platter with bills, fill a small brass sand bucket with pennies, or load a tiny Santa's pack with coins or bills. However you give money, dramatize it and give it the warmth of a personal touch.

Services unlimited. When you give your family or friends part of your time and service for Christmas, you are giving them a bit of yourself. That is often one of the most appreciated, most thoughtful ways of saying, "Merry Christmas." Perhaps your card will read, "On your birthday you can expect a big cake and all the trimmings—I'll be the cook." Or maybe you'll want to give afternoons of reading to a friend who is ill. You know what your friends will like. Maybe you can sit with the baby, help build an outdoor fireplace, help paint the kitchen, assist with the spring garden, mow the lawn while a friend vacations—the possibilities are book-length.

graciously

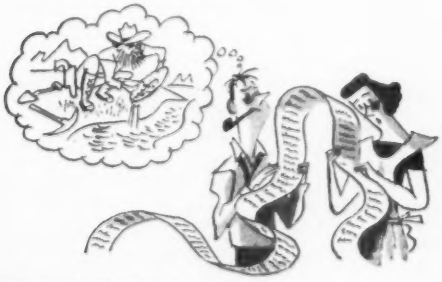
For the holiday hostess. If you're a house guest for the season's festivities, bring a special gift for your hostess or something which the whole family can enjoy. You may give your gift directly to the hostess soon after your arrival or place it under the tree to await the big package-opening. And remember a token for each child will bring rewarding joy.

Last-minute rush. Occasionally it happens that the day before Christmas you receive a gift from a person whom you've overlooked. If you wish to send a present in return and there's time for it to reach your friend before Christmas, send it hurriedly on its way. Otherwise simply write a thank-you note. If the present is from a business firm, a note of gratitude is sufficient.

Weighty exchange. Whether your money bag is fat or slim, it's not necessary to exchange gifts on the basis of equal money value. Christmas presents that are too expensive are not in good taste, may be embarrassing both to you and the receiver. You know how much you can afford. It's better to let your own purse guide you rather than try to match your friends dollar for dollar.

Special friends and bosses. If you're unmarried and you wish to give a gift to your best friend of the opposite sex, it's best to avoid gifts that are too personal or too costly. If you give a photograph, do not autograph it. At the office, much will depend on the policy of your employer. If your boss is accustomed to giving inexpensive gifts to persons working for him, it is appropriate for you to combine forces and buy him a gift. In most cases it is not advisable to send individual presents.

Distant cousin. You needn't feel obligated to send presents to relatives unless they are also close friends. It is nice to remember them with a card and short, newsy message. Christmas is an ideal time to bring them up to date on the year's highlights of your family. That way they'll feel your greeting is very special.



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Chocolate Peaks

¼ cup melted butter or margarine
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
2 cups shredded coconut
¼ cup evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup semisweet chocolate pieces, melted

Combine butter and sugar. Add coconut, milk, and vanilla; mix well. Drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper. Shape in peaks. Let stand 10 minutes to firm. Dip top of peaks in melted chocolate. Let stand till chocolate hardens. Makes 14 pieces.

Cherry Peaks

¼ cup melted butter or margarine
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
1 cup shredded coconut
1 cup candied cherries, cut in fourths
¼ cup evaporated milk
¾ teaspoon rum extract

Combine butter and sugar. Add coconut, cherries, milk, and rum extract. Drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper; shape in peaks. Let stand 10 minutes to firm. Top with pieces of candied cherries, if desired. Makes 14 pieces.

Chocolate Roll

⅓ cup unseasoned mashed potatoes, cooled
1¾ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
2⅔ cups shredded coconut
½ teaspoon vanilla
3 1-ounce squares semisweet chocolate, melted

Place potatoes in bowl; mix in sugar and coconut to form stiff mixture. Blend in vanilla. Shape in roll, 2 inches across. Spread melted chocolate over roll. Chill. Slice thin. Makes about 3 dozen pieces.

Harlequin Balls
(Red-and-white)

1 egg white
2 tablespoons evaporated milk
1 tablespoon cold water
5 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 drop oil of cinnamon
Few drops red food coloring

Beat egg white, milk, and cold water until well blended. Add sugar very slowly until fondant is thick enough to knead. Divide in two parts. Knead vanilla into one part; oil of cinnamon and red coloring into other part. Knead until candy is smooth. Cover with a damp cloth and let stand 1 hour. Form in 1½-inch balls. Chill. Cut balls in quarters. Put quarters together alternating colors. Chill. Makes about 18 balls.

Coconut Mallows

Even tiny tykes can help with these—

Dip marshmallows in slightly beaten egg white and then roll in white or tinted shredded coconut. To tint coconut: Place coconut in jar; add a few drops food coloring. Cover and shake till coconut is uniform in color.

Harlequin Balls
(Black-and-white)

1 15-ounce can sweetened condensed milk (1⅓ cups)
16 squares (1 pound) semisweet chocolate
Chocolate decorettes
• • •
1 egg white
2 tablespoons evaporated milk
1 tablespoon cold water
1 teaspoon vanilla
5 cups sifted confectioners' sugar

Heat condensed milk and semisweet chocolate in double boiler over hot water until chocolate is melted. Mix thoroughly; cool. Roll mixture in 1½-inch balls and roll in chocolate decorettes. Chill. Beat egg white, milk, cold water, and vanilla until well blended. Add sifted confectioners' sugar very slowly until thick enough to knead. Knead until smooth. Cover with a damp cloth and let stand 1 hour. Form in 1½-inch balls. Chill. Cut both kinds of balls in quarters. Put quarters together, alternating colors. Chill. Makes about 40 balls.

Fruit Slices

1½ cups seeded raisins
1 cup dried apricots
1 cup dried figs
1½ cups pitted dates
1 cup candied orange peel
12 candied cherries
1½ cups California walnuts
5 tablespoons orange juice
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Put raisins, apricots, figs, dates, orange peel, cherries, and 1½ cups walnuts through food chopper, using medium blade. Add enough orange juice to hold fruit and nuts together; mix well. Shape in roll 1½ inches across. Roll in chopped California walnuts. Wrap in waxed paper. Chill. Cut in ½-inch slices. Makes 2 dozen pieces.

Jiffy Fudge

2 3-ounce packages cream cheese
4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
4 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
½ teaspoon vanilla
Dash salt
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Stir cream cheese until soft and smooth. Slowly blend in sugar. Add melted chocolate; mix well. Stir in vanilla, salt, and nuts. Press into well-greased 8x8x2-inch pan. Chill in refrigerator till firm. Cut in squares. Top each square with a walnut half, if desired. Makes 36.

Mint Creams

1 pound confectioners' sugar, sifted (3½ cups)
Dash salt
¼ teaspoon peppermint extract
¼ cup cold water
Jelly gumdrop strings

Put sugar, salt, and peppermint extract in bowl. Add water gradually. Stir till all sugar is moist. Knead till mixture is stiff enough to roll. Measure 1½ tablespoons of

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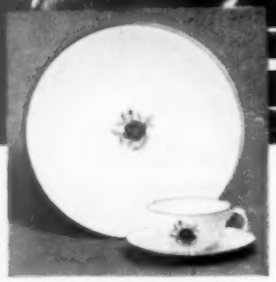

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fondant mixture. Flatten in small rectangle. Hold 3 jelly gumdrop strips together. Then roll the fondant around them. Slice crosswise on waxed paper. Makes about 6 dozen pieces.

Fruitcake Drops

A surprise under chocolate and nuts—

- 8 1½-inch cubes fruitcake
- 3 1-ounce squares semisweet chocolate, melted
- ½ cup chopped pecans

Spread fruitcake with melted chocolate. Then sprinkle the tops with chopped pecans. Chill to harden.

Puff Bars

- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- 1½ pound (about 32) marshmallows
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup chopped candied cherries
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 1 5½-ounce package (5 cups) crisp rice cereal

Heat butter and marshmallows over hot water till thick and syrupy, stirring occasionally. Add vanilla; beat thoroughly. Stir in cherries and pecans. Place crisp rice cereal in large greased pan. Pour marshmallow mixture over, stirring briskly. Press into greased 9x9x2-inch pan. Press extra candied cherries and pecans in top of mixture, if desired. Cut in 4½x1½-inch bars. Makes 12.

Gelatine Sparkles

Arrange the diamonds on a plate to make a poinsettia as in the picture—

- 4 tablespoons (4 envelopes) unflavored gelatine
- 1 cup cold water
- 4 cups sugar
- 1½ cups water
- Few drops red food coloring
- 2 drops oil of cinnamon
- Few drops green food coloring
- ¾ teaspoon peppermint extract

Soften gelatine in cold water 5 minutes. Combine sugar and water; heat to boiling. Dissolve gelatine in hot mixture; simmer 17 minutes. Divide in two equal parts. Color one part red; add oil of cinnamon. Color the other green; add the peppermint extract. Pour into two 8½x4½x2½-inch pans that have been rinsed in cold water. Let stand overnight. Turn out carefully on waxed paper covered with sugar. Sprinkle top with sugar; cut in diamonds. Makes about 5 dozen pieces.

Candy Dates

- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1¾ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 7¼-ounce package pitted dates (about 32)
- Jelly gumdrop strings

Cream butter and sugar together. Add orange juice. Form mixture into pencillike rolls. Cut in lengths to fit dates; stuff into dates. Top with slivered jelly gumdrop strings, if desired.

Neapolitans

- ⅔ cup unseasoned mashed potatoes, cooled
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar, sifted (3½ cups)
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon peppermint extract
- Few drops red and green food coloring

Place potatoes in bowl; add confectioners' sugar to make thick mixture. Divide in thirds. Add vanilla to one third, peppermint extract to remaining two thirds. Divide peppermint-flavored portion in half and color one half red, the other green. Place in layers in an oiled 6x3x2-inch loaf pan. Chill until firm. Slice crosswise. Makes 12 pieces.

Spiced Walnuts and Pecans

Send a box of these to your best friend. They're perfectly delicious!—

- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 slightly beaten egg white
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon cloves
- ¼ teaspoon allspice
- 1 cup California walnut halves
- 1 cup pecan halves

Add water to egg white. Dissolve sugar in egg-white mixture. Add salt and spices. Mix well. Dip nuts in mixture. Place nuts, flat side down, on greased cooky sheet. Bake in very slow oven (250°) until golden, about 1 hour.

Holiday Squares

Your food chopper does all the work for you in jiffy time—

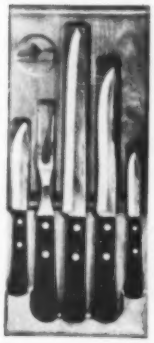
- 1 8-ounce jar (1 cup) maraschino cherries
- ½ pound marshmallows (about 32)
- 1 7¼-ounce package (1 cup) pitted dates
- ½ pound (1 cup) moist figs
- ½ pound (1¼ cups) mixed salted nuts
- ½ pound (1¼ cups) unblanched almonds
- 1¼ cups moist shredded coconut

Drain cherries and put through food chopper, using coarse blade. Add marshmallows and heat in double boiler until mixture is smooth and fluffy. Grind dates and figs. Chop nuts coarsely. Blend all ingredients with marshmallow mixture. Pack into greased 8x8x2-inch pan. Makes 25 squares.

Kris Kringles

- 1 6-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- ⅓ cup peanut butter
- ⅓ cup double-strength coffee
- 1½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon shortening
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 3 cups crumbled unsalted crackers

Heat chocolate, peanut butter, coffee, sugar, shortening, and salt in double boiler until smooth. Cool. Add vanilla, egg, and crackers. Mix well. Chill; then form in roll, 1½ inches across. Chill overnight or until firm. Cut in ¼-inch slices. Makes 32 rounds.



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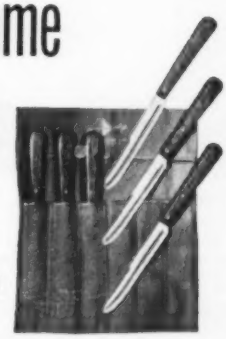

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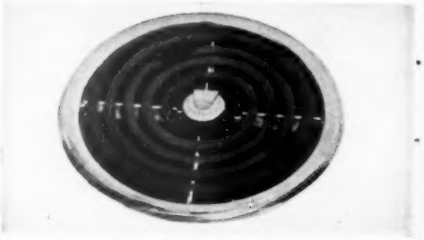

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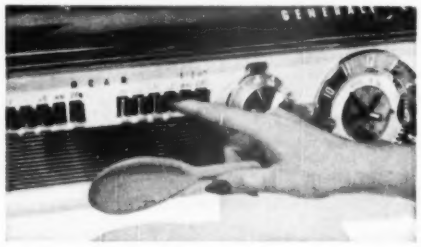

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Candlelight buffet for the holiday

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Baked Ham With Mustard Glaze

For a Christmas touch—little corsages of holly—

Place ham fat side up on rack in shallow, *uncovered* pan. Bake in slow oven (325°). See chart for baking times for *uncooked* and *cooked* hams of different weights. One-half hour before ham is done, trim off rind and score fat in squares or diamonds; stick whole clove in corners. (Pour fat drippings from pan before glazing.) Mix 1 cup brown sugar with 1 teaspoon dry mustard or 1 tablespoon prepared mustard; add 2 tablespoons drippings. Spread over ham. Bake in slow oven (325°) about 30 minutes, or until ham is well glazed. **Tasting-Test Kitchen Note:** To help make scoring even, use strip of cardboard, about 1½ inches wide, for a guide when you cut. Just draw knife along top and bottom edges of strip, being careful not to make cuts too deep. When all lines are marked in one direction, use strip at right angles to lines for squares or at a slant for diamonds.

Baked-ham timetable

Set oven at 325°. Times are for chilled hams taken right from refrigerator—

Uncooked (cook-before-eating type)	Time (per lb.)	Time* (total)
Half ham, 6-8 lbs. 8-lb., for example	25 min.	3 hrs.
10-12-lb. ham 10-lb., for example	18-20 min.	3½ hrs.
12-14-lb. ham 12-lb., for example	16-18 min.	3¾ hrs.
14-16 lbs. and over	14-16 min.	4 hrs.

Cooked (ready-to-eat type)		
Half ham, 6-8 lbs. 8-lb., for example	15-17 min.	2 hrs.
Whole ham, 12-14 lbs. 12-lb., for example	12-15 min.	3 hrs.

***If a thermometer is used to tell when ham is done: Cook-before-eating type is cooked to an internal temperature of 160°. Ready-to-eat type is heated to an internal temperature of 130°.**

Sweet-potato Puff

There's a surprise layer of melted marshmallows—

½ teaspoon salt
5 cups mashed sweet potatoes
1 9-ounce can pineapple bits
8 marshmallows
¼ cup pecan halves

Add salt to sweet potatoes. Mix in pineapple and syrup. Place half of mixture in greased 1½-quart casserole. Top with marshmallows. Add remaining potato mixture. Arrange pecan halves on top; sprinkle with brown sugar. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes or until heated through. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Golden Sauce

A just-right tang to enhance the flavor of cauliflower, broccoli, or asparagus—

Melt 2 tablespoons butter; add 2 tablespoons enriched flour and blend. Add 1 cup milk and cook over low heat till thick, stirring constantly. Add ¼ teaspoon salt. Beat 3 egg yolks slightly; stir in small amount of the hot sauce and return to remaining hot mixture, blending thoroughly. Add 3 tablespoons butter and 5 teaspoons lemon juice; stir well. Serve hot. Makes about 1 cup.

Pickled Beet Slices

Serve them hot on your holiday vegetable platter—

Slice cooked beets with a special vegetable cutter or with a knife. For 3 cups sliced beets: Combine ¾ cup water, ¾ cup vinegar, 1½ tablespoons brown sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, ¾ teaspoon cinnamon, and ½ teaspoon cloves; heat to boiling. Pour over beets. Let stand 6 hours. To serve hot, heat to boiling; drain. (Save liquid to pickle beets for another time.) Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Christmas Cranberry Mold

Rich red, lustrous as sparkling tree balls—

1½ cups water
3 cups cranberries
1¼ cups sugar
1½ tablespoons (1½ envelopes) unflavored gelatine
¾ cup cold water
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup diced celery
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Add 1½ cups water to cranberries; bring to a boil in covered saucepan; simmer 5 minutes. Add sugar and cook, uncovered, 5 minutes. Soften gelatine in ¾ cup cold water; dissolve in hot cranberry mixture. Add salt; chill until mixture begins to thicken. Add celery and nuts; mix well. Pour into 1-quart mold. Chill until firm. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Cinnamon Apple Rings

Bright spot of color for salad or meat accompaniment—

¼ cup sugar
1 cup water
½ cup red cinnamon candies
4 apples, pared, cored, and cut in rings
1 teaspoon red food coloring

Combine sugar, water, and cinnamon candies; cook till candies dissolve. Place apples in syrup; add red coloring till desired color is reached. Cook until apples are tender, turning to assure even color. Cool apples in syrup. Drain before serving.

Minted Pears

For a salad, arrange on lettuce with a cream-cheese ball in the center of each—

1 No. 2½ can (3½ cups) pears
Pear syrup plus water to make 2 cups
2 tablespoons lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon peppermint extract
4 drops green food coloring

Drain pears. Put syrup in pan with lemon juice, sugar, peppermint, and food coloring. Simmer uncovered 10 minutes. Cool. Put pears in large flat dish. Pour syrup over them and store in refrigerator. Turn frequently so color will be even. Drain before serving.

Cherry Sauce

A bright go-with for holiday ham—

1 1-pound 4-ounce can frozen cherries
1 cup syrup from cherries
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Dash salt

Drain cherries. Mix syrup with cornstarch. Add salt. Cook till thick. Stir in cherries. Serve hot with Baked Ham. Makes about 2½ cups.

Hospitality Fruitcake

Light in color, chock-full of fruits and coconut—

1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
5 eggs
2 cups enriched flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup unsweetened pineapple juice
¼ pound (½ cup) finely cut citron
¼ pound (½ cup) chopped orange peel
¼ pound (½ cup) chopped lemon peel
½ cup chopped candied cherries
1¼ cups candied pineapple
½ cup chopped dates
½ cup chopped dried apricots
½ cup chopped dried figs
½ pound (1½ cups) white raisins
2 cups shredded coconut
2 cups slivered blanched almonds
1 teaspoon rum extract, if desired

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Reserve ½ cup flour for fruits. Sift remaining flour with baking powder and salt; add alternately with pineapple juice. Add floured fruits, coconut, nuts, and rum extract; stir only till well blended. Place pan of water in oven. Pour batter into paper-lined (heavy brown paper) 10x2-inch round pan or 9x9x2-inch square pan. Bake in very slow oven (275°) 2 to 2½ hours or until done. When cool, glaze top with hot light corn syrup and decorate with candied cherries and blanched almonds. **Tasting-Test Kitchen Note:** 1¾ pounds candied fruit mix may be used in place of candied citron, fruit peels, cherries, and pineapple.

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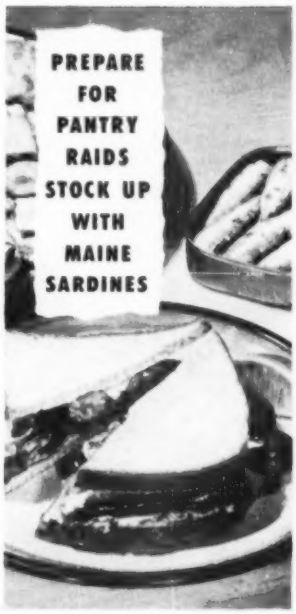

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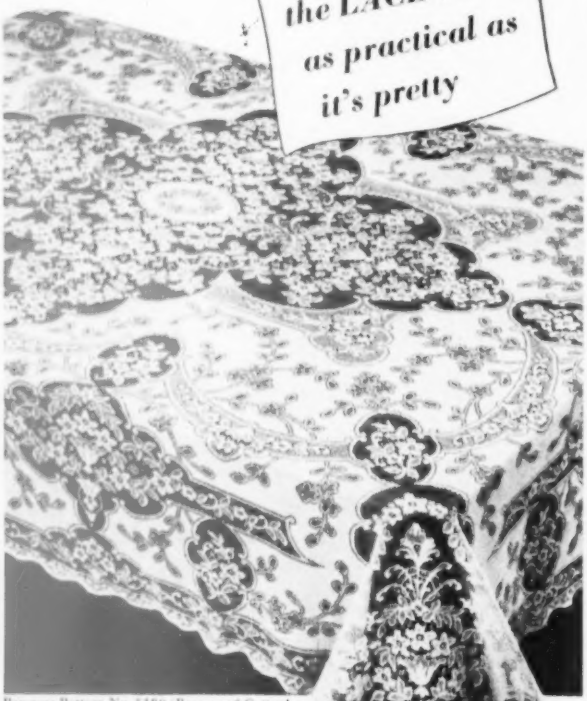

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Smart homemaker

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Sash-aid. You can avoid untwisting a sash or an apron tie as you iron it, if you follow this simple suggestion.

Just start pressing at the end attached to the garment; iron toward the loose end. As you press toward end of sash, it'll untwist itself.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Morris
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Bright idea! Decorate with gay, colored candles made from melted-down candle bits. If melted wax is too light, you can color it by stirring in a little bit of oil paint.

For a wick, loop string over a pencil. Hang it in the center of a gelatine mold. Then pour wax into mold one layer at a time. Allow each layer to cool before you pour another.

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Party smarty. If a spur-of-the-moment party sends you looking for a place card or napkin ring, try this.

Print each of your guests' names on a new clothespin. Drawing ink and a lettering pen point will give best results. Slide pin onto napkin.

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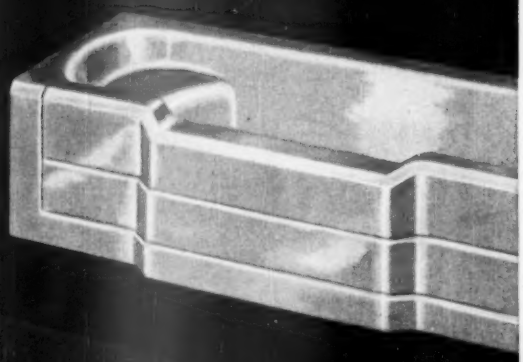

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Furnished for an active family

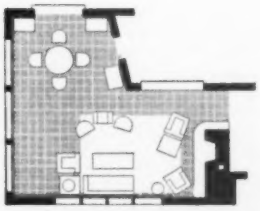
By Ruth W. Lee

You think a nice-looking home and a pack of lively kids simply aren't compatible? Not so. You *can* have both—and you won't have to tie the kids up either. Here's how:

Begin by choosing a floor covering that muddy boots and sand-filled sneakers won't faze—linoleum, tile, or cork, like this one. For adult satisfaction, lay a soft carpet in the conversation area, but keep it confined to that one area and leave your traffic routes and play areas clear.

Arrange your furniture in tighter groupings, instead of trying to "fill" every corner in the room. You'll achieve a more intimate conversation area, an over-all look of spaciousness, and free floor space for children's play. Think of safety, too. Keep floor lamps and wires out of traffic lanes. Choose table lamps that won't tip easily.

Dining chairs have seats of tough ➡ rawhide. Ceiling fixture over table pulls up or down, to give soft light for dining, closer light for games or study. Two chests provide storage; the rest of floor is cleared for toys



Furniture is grouped to clear passage for racing feet. Play space is off to one side, instead of in the middle of the room, out of line of adult conversation

Offside fireplace has a raised hearth and a fire screen that can't tip, even when the youngsters get too close. Fireside chairs are linen, a plaid in terra cotta, brown, and beige, which sets the room's scheme. Walls are gray-beige, draperies cocoa-color, sofa a sturdy brown tweed. Floor lamp is close to wall, both it and cord out of line of traffic for safety

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Using an off-white wool rug in a home with small children isn't as zany as it sounds. This one is just 9x12, and laid only in the closely knit conversation area of this L-shaped living-dining room. Rest of floor—traffic lanes and dining area—is bare cork. It makes a practical speedway for the kids, an impervious crumb-catcher under dining table as well as looking smart

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Cooky know-how

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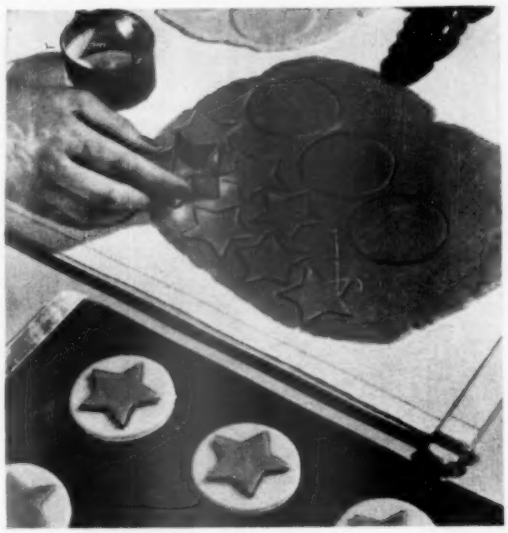

Star-bright Cookies bake with a twinkling Christmas star. To make this neat mosaic, you tint half the dough with red food coloring. Roll each half. Then cut circles from the uncolored dough; stars from the red. Or if you wish cut some red rounds; top with a light star

Rosette Cookies

Nice change from the very sweet kind of cooky. A traditional treat from good Swedish cooks—

- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup enriched flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine eggs, sugar, and salt. Beat well. Add flour, milk, and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Heat rosette iron in deep, hot fat (400°) 2 minutes. Drain off excess fat from iron; dip into batter to ¼ inch from top of iron, then immediately into hot fat (400°). Fry rosette until golden brown, about ½ minute. Lift out; tip upside down to drain. Push rosette off iron onto absorbent paper. Reheat iron 1 minute before making next rosette. Sprinkle rosettes with sugar, tinted with red or green food coloring, if desired. Makes about 2½ to 3 dozen.

Star-bright Cookies

They're pretty, Christmasy, and have a surprise peppermint flavor—

- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla
- 1½ cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons milk
- ½ teaspoon peppermint extract
- 8 drops red food coloring

Cream shortening and sugar together thoroughly. Blend in egg yolk and vanilla. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with milk. Divide dough in half; to one half add peppermint extract and red food coloring. Mix well. Chill doughs thoroughly. Roll out each dough ⅛ inch thick on a lightly floured surface. Cut round shapes from one color dough and place on a greased cooky sheet. Cut star shapes from other color and place a star in center of each cooky. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 10 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen.

Ginger Cookies

Or roll dough ¼ inch thick to make gingerbread men for the kiddies—

- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup light molasses
- 1½ teaspoons vinegar
- 1 beaten egg
- 3 cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Bring sugar, shortening, molasses, and vinegar to a boil. Cool and stir in egg. Add sifted dry ingredients; mix well. Chill. Roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut any desired shape. Bake on greased cooky sheet in moderate oven (375°) 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 2½ dozen.

Sugar Cookies

A year-round favorite you'll decorate gaily for the season's festivities—

- ⅔ cup shortening
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon grated orange peel
- 2 cups enriched flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons milk

Cream shortening and sugar together thoroughly. Add egg and beat until mixture is light and fluffy. Add vanilla and orange peel. Mix thoroughly. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Divide in half. Chill

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1 hour. Keep half of dough chilled while you roll other half. Roll dough ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut with cooky cutter in various shapes. Or cut in 3-inch squares for **Poinsettias:** Place squares on lightly greased baking sheet. Cut diagonally from corners of each square almost to center (this makes 4 triangular sections in each square). In center, place a little raspberry or strawberry jam. Pick up corresponding corner of each triangular section, and fold over center. Press gently in center to hold the 4 points together. Top with a bit of jam. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in moderate oven (375°). Makes about 2 dozen.

Swedish Spritz

1½ cups butter	4 cups enriched flour
1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon baking powder
1 well-beaten egg	
2 teaspoons vanilla	

Cream butter to soften. Then cream butter and sugar together thoroughly. Add egg and vanilla. Beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients; mix to smooth dough. Force through cooky press, forming various shapes; or chill, roll, and cut out. Bake in hot oven (400°) until set but not brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.

Watch for January!

You'll miss a lot if you don't read our January issue from cover to cover. Here's why:

- There's big news for the flower lover—color pictures of the new varieties, so real you'll want to lean down and smell each gorgeous bloom. You'll be thinking of them poking up from the earth into your next spring's garden.
- You'll see a collection of kitchens you'll love to live in. They're designed to make your work easy. And, to make your cooking interesting (to save you money, too), there are recipes for inexpensive-and-good main dishes the family will love!
- For another word to the pennywise, there's a story on how paint and paper, plus a little smart decorating, "remodeled" a house. You'll be amazed at how color made the big difference in the old home—its structure was scarcely changed at all!

So, late in December, be on the lookout for this January issue. If you don't have a subscription, better keep an eye open for it on the newsstand. It'll disappear fast!

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How to buy and care for . . .

Your Christmas tree

By Richard Kent

Yesterday's Santa (who looked a lot like Grandfather) could get the kind of Christmas tree he wanted just by hiking to the woods and chopping one down. This fresh-cut evergreen was bound to be fragrant, long-lasting, and beautifully proportioned.

Today, the tree that ends up in your living room may have been cut thousands of miles away, perhaps two months before. You find it as a rather defeated-looking bundle curled up on your grocer's sidewalk.

But even if you can't be your own woodsman, a little know-how in buying and caring for your Christmas tree will make yours just as handsome, just as meaningful, as that one Grandfather proudly carried home.

What about size? Don't start with your pocketbook. First you should decide exactly where the tree will go. Until you know that, you can't begin to determine a size, shape, or price.

Measure the ceiling height carefully, then the floor space so you can allow for lower branch spread. Now you can shop with confidence. Many families invest in an expensive tree only to find it must be hacked down to fit a smaller spot. Surgery of this kind is tricky and rarely successful.

When and where to buy. The Christmas-tree market is a precarious one. A glut on the market will find trees that sold for several dollars at the start of the season going for as little as a quarter later on. Generally, however, the handsomest trees are taken by the early buyers. If you live in a city, it will probably pay you to shop in poorer districts or at roadside stands.

Unless you live in a part of the country where Christmas trees are harvested, "freshness" won't have much to do with how early or late in the season you buy. Harvesting occurs late in the fall and most trees are bundled and ready for shipment by Thanksgiving.

What to buy. Perfect trees are rare. One may be full from all angles, yet lacking in spread. Another may have desirable spread, but have a scanty side. Any fir or pine that tapers nicely from a single tip (with branches tightly spaced and healthy needles) is raw material for a beautiful Christmas tree.

A handy formula for symmetry is this: Spread of the lowest branches should measure half the tree's height.

In trade jargon, the top spike (traditional home of the white angel) is called the *leader*. Between the leader and the stump is the *center stem*. The stump itself is the *handle*. Branches are *branches*, and needles are *leaves*, or *foliage*.

Needles of the more usual species should be soft and either green or blue-green. There should be no brown, dried-up patches showing where needles have dropped off. Shake the tree gently. If it sheds noticeably, don't buy.

Check the top spike. One that is strong and straight can be cut down if it's too long, but there's little you can do for a spike that is short, crooked, or multiple-tipped.

Rub your fingers across the bottom of the stump. Any sappy moisture indicates the tree is still quite fresh. On a medium-sized tree, seven inches of stump gives stability when the tree is set up and allows plenty of drinking area to soak up life-giving water.

Care of the tree. A Christmas tree will stay healthier if you buy it a week or so before you put it up. Growers recommend a "cold and moisture" treatment. First, cut a diagonal slice off the bottom of the stump—at least an inch above the original cut. Then peel back the bark another inch and scrape the wood. Now you have a good drinking surface.

Place the tree in a pail of cold water to which you've added a cup of sugar, syrup, or molasses. Let pail and tree stand outdoors if possible, where it will get rain and snow but no strong winds. Or put it in an unheated room, on the porch, or in the garage. Water level should be kept well above the scarred area. If Nature doesn't provide rain or snow, add moisture by sprinkling the branches each day.

How you'll set up the tree. Whether you set your tree in a patented metal stand or in an old pail, one thing is essential: the stump must be able to drink plenty of moisture. Stands are sold in which you can pour a daily supply of cold water. Another solution is a bucket of thoroughly wet sand. Because of the weight of the sand, you can use a smaller, more attractive container without sacrificing steadiness. Remember to add more sweetened water—and do it each day thereafter. This will assure the health and beauty of your tree until it's time to take it down.

Safety comes first. Clothed in beauty and sentiment though it is, a Christmas tree is also just that many feet of highly combustible material. Tests have shown that

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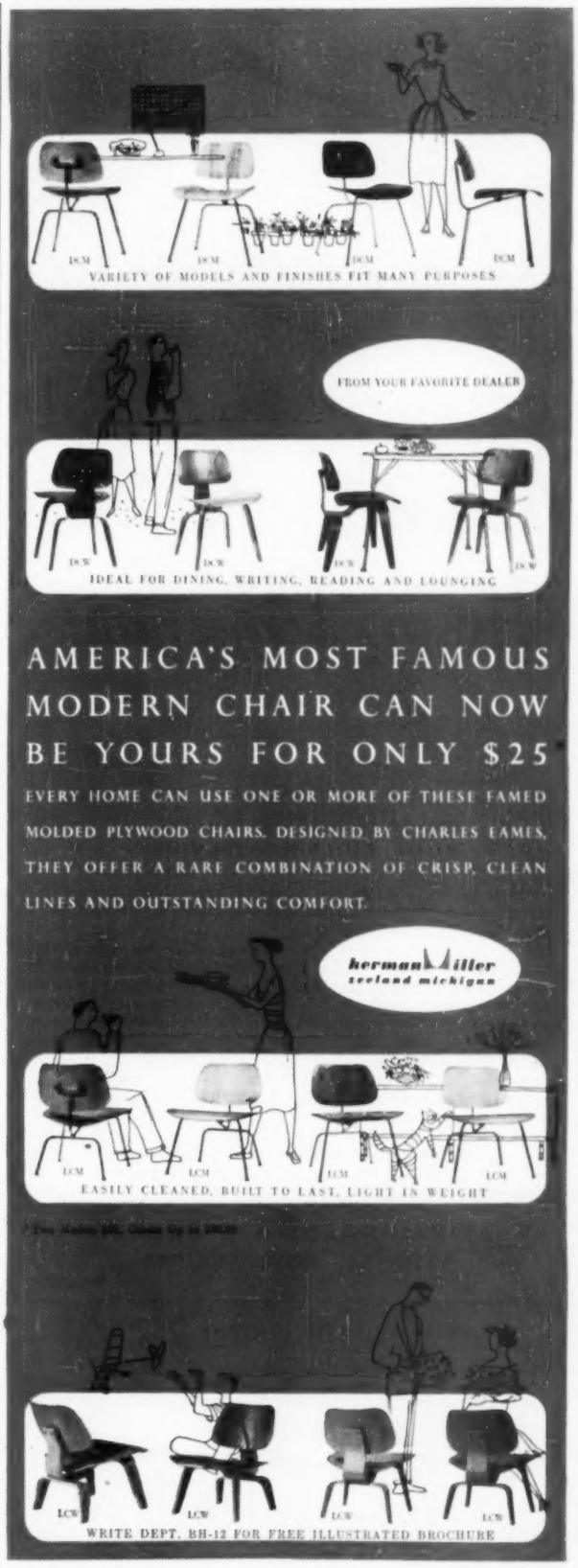

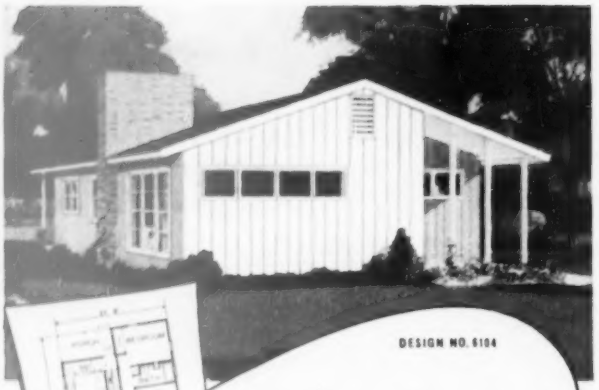

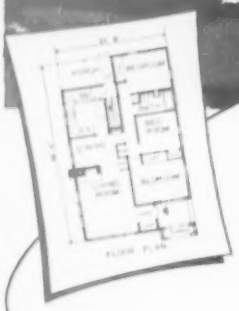

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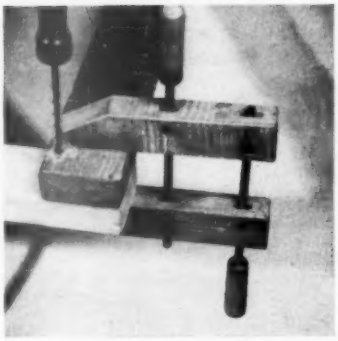


An adjustable clamp, $3.60. A large clamp is like an extra pair of hands when the time comes to assemble a project.

Clamp pictured has hardwood jaws to forestall marring, but screws are steel to stand up under extreme tension.

The Jorgensen clamp is made by the Adjustable Clamp Company, Chicago.

Pipe wrench, $5.66. To get a solid grip on any round object, you can't beat a pipe wrench.

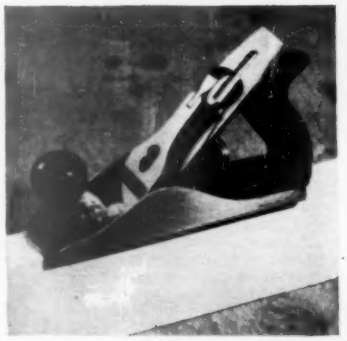
And a good size to buy is the 14-inch. A smaller wrench gives too little leverage for some jobs; a larger one becomes too heavy for easy handling.

Wrench pictured is made by the Ridge Tool Company, Elyria, Ohio.

Sawhorse brackets at $1.35. All the hardware you will need to assemble a sawhorse is included in the kit pictured.

If you want your unit to be quickly demountable, use just the bolts and wing nuts.

For permanent assembly, nail holes are provided. The manufacturer is the Charles O. Larson Company, Sterling, Ill.



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the handyman

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Calking gun, $2.98. For comfort and fuel economy, it pays to seal cracks around the frames of all doors and windows.

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This pair lets you work in confined quarters, also has wire-cutting jaws.

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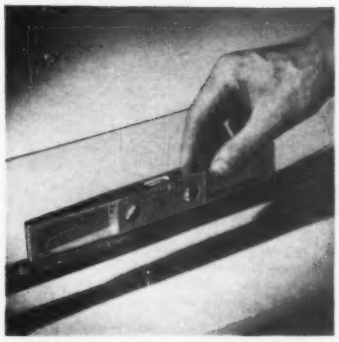
Blade fits on circular saws with 5/8-or 3/4-inch arbors. It's made by the Magna Engineering Corp., Menlo Park, Calif.



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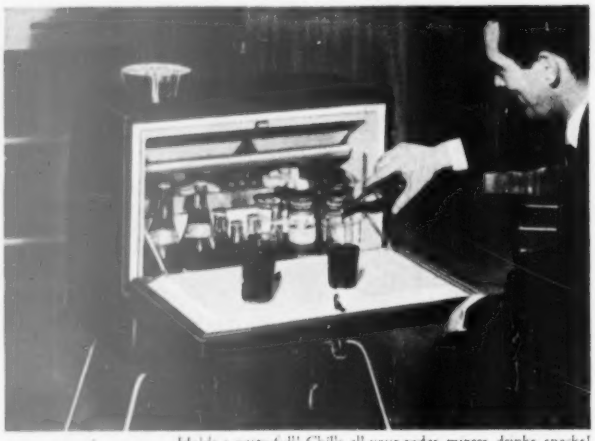

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Christmas radiance

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Jaunty felt snowman, at left, and the green-felt tree with chenille balls are cut double. For your buffet, tuck napkin, silver inside for each guest.

Snowman napkin on the right has a cocky look. Design your own: use red thread to outline with buttonhole stitch.

Cute favors will make your Christmas dinner table extra exciting. Fashion tiny sleds of white construction paper to carry the nut cups. Make red or green felt mittens to hold the napkins and silver. Or make bright felt napkin rings

Holiday favors hang on the tree until guests arrive. Wrap a package of cigarettes in shiny paper and use colored sticker tape to make a loop. For the ladies, tape spools of thread together. Put a band around mints, gum for the kiddies

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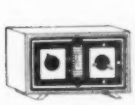
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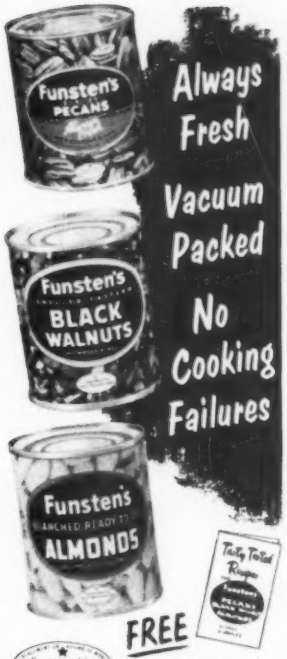

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I'm for Santa Claus

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"Goodness! we forgot to buy you anything!" and the children giggle delightedly because they *know* Daddy's present is wrapped and hidden away. It's part of the Christmas fun!

We don't influence children with words half as much as we think. It's the tone of your voice, the expression of face and eyes, and your attitude that reacts on a child.

If Santa is handled with a light, deft touch, there isn't any more danger of "disillusionment" over Santa than over the Easter bunny, leprechauns, brownies, or anything else that is richly imaginative. It's parents being too solemn and taking on a facts-of-life seriousness over the whole business that will make a child feel as though Santa's passing is somehow a tragedy. Whereas, a child who has the matter treated lightly will gather the impression Christmas is going to go on being pretty much the same, Santa or no.

"But children think if there is a Santa they can have everything they want," parents sometimes complain. But why? Why should a child who is properly adjusted to the normal give and take of family life, who has had sensible training in family giving and sharing and playground fairness, expect to get everything he asks for? If he does, it's time to tell him, not that there is no Santa Claus, but about all the other boys and girls in the world besides himself.

To be sure, when everyday living is a hard financial pull, it's anything but a joy to try and produce a good Christmas. But, strangely enough, it's not the most hard-pressed people who do the worrying about whether Santa is a good or bad idea. It's usually parents who can afford him but who are taking themselves and parenthood too hard, too seriously.

Well, I'm all for Santa Claus. Because it's more than a myth we're giving our children. It's a way of life. It's love and happy memories. Memories on which they will one day model their own homes—homes of happiness and laughter and true peace, please God.

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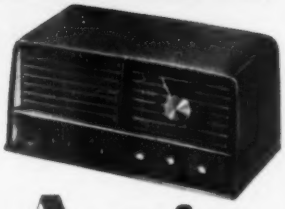

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to the width, but are the key to how these 1,765 square feet adapt so handsomely to a narrow lot.

Inside, Five Star No. 2212 is a technician's answer to modern comfort and convenience. While the floor plan is skillfully integrated, its three activity areas (living, work, sleeping) enjoy distinct separation.

As you sit in the generous living room, the wonders of terrace and garden pour through floor-to-ceiling windows. You'll see the striking planter unit that closes off the bedroom wing, yet—interestingly enough—forms the first part of a hallway to this section of the house.

You're just a step or two from the dining area. This space merges freely with the living room but is kept in background by a clever L-turn of the plan.

This dining area is just off the kitchen, so enter and watch it go to work. All equipment and cabinets line two long walls: the shortest distance between them is your busy path. Standing at the sink, you bathe in light and view from its forefront of glass. An eating nook shares this cheerful setting, but is just a serving-bar width removed from the kitchen's large work center.

There's space for three bedrooms in Five Star No. 2212. However, this family has furnished the one at the front of the hall as a den. Here the plan has unusual adaptability. The den is related to the living area, and yet "belongs" by geography to the sleeping wing. All three rooms of this wing have built-in wardrobes [*Turn to page 138*

This striking plant-box divider has more than a decorative purpose. Hallway to bedrooms is actually short because divider forms first section. Also, visual length is added to living room by letting you look through the open half. Low cabinets hold party and study supplies

Peninsula relates eating area for easy serving, and yet separates family from kitchen clutter. Roominess (enough to take table and chairs) makes nook more independent. Note sweep of glass on far wall and louvered door (left) that can open up kitchen to outside and inside

Kitchen falls between formal dining area (beyond door) and eating nook. It's a "corridor" plan. All equipment and cabinets are parallel on two long walls, with busy points the shortest crisscross apart. Note serviceable expanse of counter space adjoining stove and refrigerator

The Arvin Shelburne in hand-rubbed Honduras mahogany. 21-inch Perma-Focus picture, 28 tubes.*

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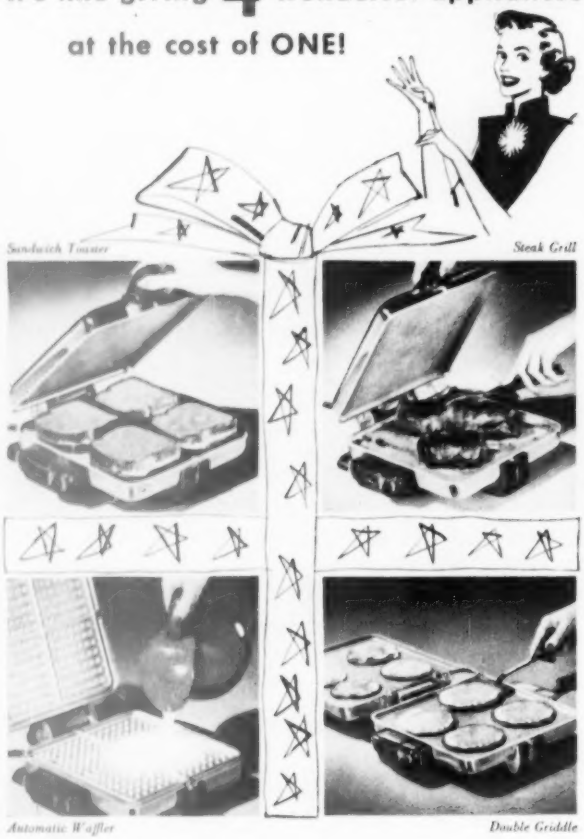

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across a full wall—plus latest in ventilation and privacy techniques.

Still more technology balances the charm of this home—a terrace barbecue that shares the fireplace brickwork, radiant heat from the ceiling, shutterlike louvers for controlled air movement. And here's a note for the man of the house: screens are a permanent part of the louvers, and no storm windows are needed with insulating glass.

A basement answers your bulk storage and laundry needs. It's beneath the kitchen-and-living-room sector, where oak flooring is used. The bedroom wing has asphalt tile on a concrete slab.

The present exposures of this house show logical orientation. The rear faces south, bringing added light and cheerfulness to the living room by way of those floor-to-ceiling windows. But the windows are protected from direct summer sun by six feet of roof over-

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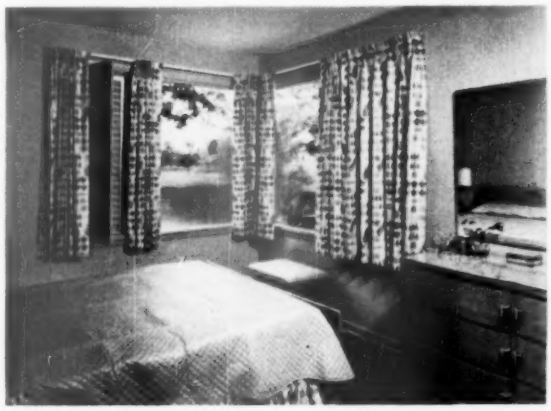

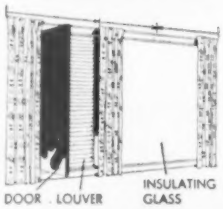

Corner windows leave plenty of wall space to arrange furniture in smallest bedroom. Fixed insulating glass ends need of storm sash, and wooden louvers have permanent screens on back.

Drawing at left shows versatility of divided draperies in this unique ventilation and privacy scheme.

Since there's no partition between dining and living rooms, space of each freely interchanges. But tucked back in L-plan, dining area enjoys distinct separation. Window (left) carries daytime brightness to this corner. When draperies are drawn for evening privacy, recessed fixture above table casts soft light on table but not on diners

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hang here. Should the rear of the house face east or west, however, this wide overhang will shade the living area just as effectively.

Placement of the garage is logical, too. On the west and north, it serves as a buffer against winter winds and the hot setting sun of summer. Bedrooms here are on the south for more comfort in either season. Placing the kitchen on the north side has done away with the glare from its expanse of glass.

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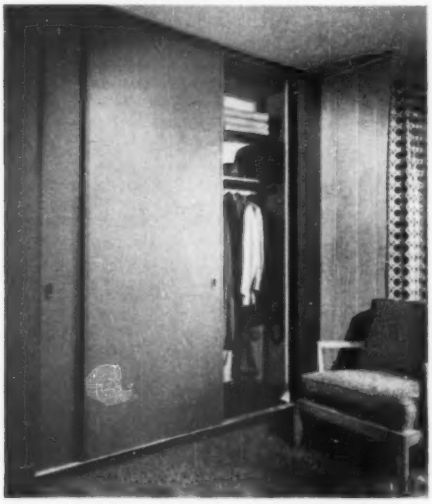

The den (or third bedroom) has full wall of storage, too. Family stores out-of-season clothing here—and bedroom wardrobes are free for daily wear. Studio couch is haven for overnight guests. Note "dennish" paneling on walls

Attractive lavatory is off front entry—and what better stopover for play-grimed kiddies, yard-working grownups? As a powder room, it detours guests from sleeping wing. Note recessed lighting, ample cabinet space below basin

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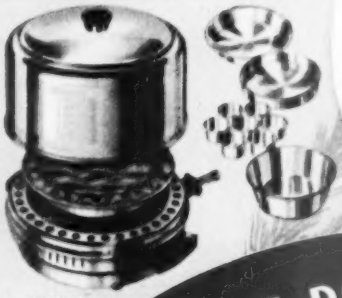

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Shopping as early as conveniently possible, so that you don't have to rush, will, of course, increase the enjoyment. Shop early in the day, if you can, while both clerks and stocks are fresh and aisles uncrowded. Learn to conserve your strength by having everything possible delivered. Simplify matters by having many of the out-of-town gifts wrapped and mailed from the store. We owe it to ourselves to take advantage of any services which minimize the minus side of shopping (the aching back, the irritations), and emphasize the plus. The sheer enchantment of store windows, the countless Santa Clauses lending patient old ears to the secrets of breathless, bright-eyed children all day long. Bing Crosby crooning a carol from a passing truck. The snow, the sparkle, yes, even the crowds.

A good deal of it must, of course, be done alone. You can't make much progress or truly enjoy it if you have to trail the youngsters along. But there are ways to dispose of them, and ways to include them as well. In small communities merchants frequently stage free matinees for kids, leaving their parents unhampered shopping hours. (They date back to my own childhood days—a Fatty Arbuckle movie and a free bag of candy besides—what bliss!) In larger cities many department stores provide well-staffed, delightfully equipped nurseries where the young fry can be parked without charge. Grandmothers are usually accommodating, when available. Or it's worth the price of a baby sitter, if you can get one, to have even a single day on your own.

Another excellent arrangement often worked out in apartment houses or neighborhoods is the Share the Horror plan. Jane keeps the whole batch today, Evelyn tomorrow, Betty Wednesday, and so on. It means a long hard day of heating bottles, making peanut-butter sandwiches, and devising games and ways to keep them from killing each other. But it also means a gain of several shopping jaunts for everybody.

The children themselves, however, deserve their day downtown. Give it to them—and don't try to combine it with errands of your own. Keep the note of "Hurry, hurry, come on now," completely out. Let them gaze their fill at store windows with their animated reindeer and fairy tales and Mother Goose. Let them ride the little trains and go down the North Pole slide. Let them interview Santa Claus. Lead them up and down the aisles in search of presents for their friends; lift them up to counters, and insofar as possible let them choose.

Certainly it's a lot easier to avoid all this. It's easier to rationalize. "They're better off at home—it's too cold—all those people—all those germs!" Easier by far to summon, "See here, dear, this is what you're giving to Daddy; isn't it nice? And this is what I bought for you to give Mrs. Smith at Sunday School." But if you're serious about your children's Christmas memories, don't deny them this phase of it. Unless they're already tired and sniffly, the thrilling world of Christmas shoppers is likely to do them no harm. And the act of fishing a quarter from his own little purse and proudly handing it over gives a gift more significance to your boy or girl than a three-dollar one that someone else provides.

When he is older, encourage him to earn his own Christmas money, and let him go it alone, if he likes. This past Christmas was a gala one indeed for our 10-year-old. Filthy rich from his first paper route, he sallied forth, stars in his eyes. Surely, he made mistakes. An expensively packaged lipstick for Sister—in the wrong shade (it was quietly exchanged). Another cigarette case for his dad, who has enough of them lying around now to start a store. But he also showed remarkable judgment in other instances. And his rosy excitement as he trudged home, package laden, the glee with which he beckoned me to his room and locked the door before beginning his proud display, told me as nothing else could that this was one Christmas he'd remember a long, long time.

There is an extra measure of enjoyment in the shopping you do with your mate. At our house, I generally buy the "sensibles." The pajamas and mittens and stockings and such which add to the total under the tree, while replenishing everyday needs. But when it comes to the toys—well, it seems to us that's a matter for mothers and dads as a team. And we've formed the habit of meeting somewhere for lunch or dinner first, making it a date. Letters to Santa studied together in a cozy restaurant have qualities of intrigue and delight that somehow go with Christmas, and go with love. There is something about these earnestly scrawled requests of the little people your union has created—especially when you are just a little away from them—that draws you close.

And while I could just as well buy the dolls and tea sets by myself (and save money—Lynn, my husband, always wants to spend more than I think we should), while he could decide about sidewalk bikes and football helmets just as well without a witless wom-

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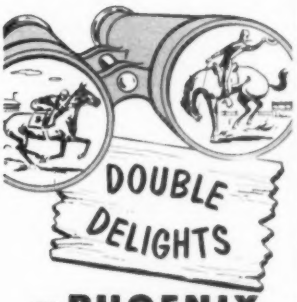

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The family that joins forces to make much of its own Christmas equipment is investing in future memories: Of evenings spent round the dining-room table, spatter-painting Christmas cards. Of hours stringing popcorn for the tree, or concocting ornaments out of jar lids and costume jewelry and foil-covered light bulbs. Of Saturdays in the kitchen, cracking nuts, baking cookies, making candy, stuffing dates. Of Sundays in the basement carpentering with Dad—a footstool for Grandma, a Cub Scout tray for Mom; or in the sewing room with Mother working on potholders or aprons or blouses.

Nearly every year we also make our own cards. For those we always like best to receive, the ones that go in the box "To Keep," are always those with a personal touch. Once, we cut up the want-ad sections of newspapers in the shape of Christmas trees. Then with red and green crayons we circled words and phrases that together formed a greeting. They were fun to fashion and, our friends said, fun to get.

Pictures of your home and family are always good. Many photo services offer these reproduced on a greeting card. We've found it even more effective as well as economical to order prints of a favorite snapshot, staple it into a construction-paper folder, and write our own sentiments in prose or rhyme.

Christmas before last, we combined baby announcements with holiday greetings, to wit: A snap of the three children extant waving from the porch of the huge, old Victorian house we had recently built and remodeled. Beneath them a lyric which, if not exactly immortal, imparted both message and news. Space was left for name, date, and weight of the forthcoming new occupant of the old-fashioned house shown.

It proved to be a race between Santa and the stork, but fortunately the stork won. Our daughter dashed in the essential data, Mark stuck the folders into already addressed envelopes, Mallory licked stamps, and Lynn hurried them into the mails.

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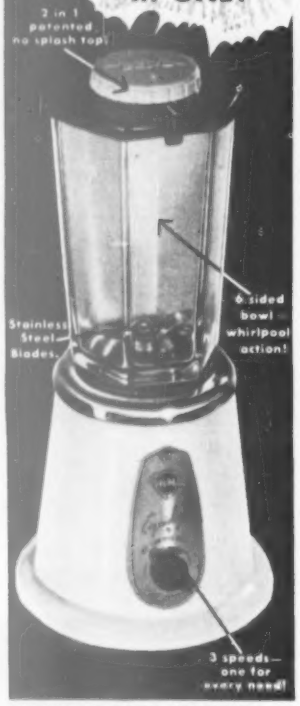

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orate for the benefit of passers-by; not even on those nights when we all piled into the car and drove around to enjoy and admire the outdoor effects of others.

Then three years ago we bought this immense old house at the corner of a busy thoroughfare. Painting it alone wrought such a miracle that people for blocks around actually called to thank us! Realizing then its inescapable prominence, we were inspired. Come Christmas, we would stick a few stars in the old gal's hair. We would drape her pillars and porches and balcony with a necklace of colored lights. And while we were at it, why not parade a few figures in silhouette across the roof?

The Three Wise Men seemed the most feasible to start. Copying from a Christmas card, I drew them first on a small sheet of paper, then blew up the design on wrapping paper almost to life size. Plywood would be a good material to cut them from, we thought. But prowling the attic we found something even better, an old linoleum rug. It took the markings of the heavy crayon used to transfer the pattern, and was soft enough to yield quickly to the knife my husband used to cut the figures out. What's more, the undersurface was already black; we didn't even have to paint to get the silhouette effect—merely turn it over. Pieces of lath nailed to the back acted as braces. We had the whole thing made and set up on the porch roof in simply no time at all, barely a couple of hours.

With amber lights behind them, and riding toward a huge, bright star, they have proved so effective that we are frequently identified as, "Oh yes, you're the people in the house with the camels!"

A small central balcony lends itself so perfectly to a manger scene that we cut another silhouette of Mary, Joseph, and the angel in a group there. And this year, if the rug holds out, or we can scare up another, we're going to make the shepherds.

Such things take time, of course. But we've found that people do pretty much what they want to do in this busy world. If you really care about Christmas, if you honestly want to enjoy it to the hilt—well, you'll make or take the time for preparations. What is even more important, you'll set aside time for those events of the season which mean so terribly much to the children. That concert the junior choir is giving, their parties and programs at church and school. And if it should ever come to a choice between the preparations and the programs, let the preparations wait.

The cleverest cards in the world, the most elegantly wrapped gifts, the handsomest tree are as nothing compared to that wonderful, terrible moment when your little boy marches onto the platform and anxiously scans the audience to see if you're there.

Equally important to children is their learning to share with others in this season of good will. As early as you can possibly get to it, have them help you clean out their closets and toy cupboards. Together select the garments which are good but no longer in use, to make some other youngster warm and glad. Broken toys and others which have merely lost their luster can go into bushel baskets to be mended by firemen and other agencies, made bright and whole again for youngsters whom Santa might otherwise have to skip.

Now, too, is the time to let them help you plan for CARE packages, to discuss the Tide of Toys that will probably follow Christmas, to confer about saving for special offerings at church, to explain the meaning of Salvation Army bells ringing on the streets. Emphasize these elements at the very beginning of the holiday period. It will give your youngsters both a sense of appreciation for what they have, and a sense of responsibility to all mankind. It will establish concepts of Christmas as a time to ask not merely "What will I get?" but something far more important, "What can I give?"

The cornerstone of Christmas should be, of course, the family church. In these days, too often Santa's sleigh supplants the Christ Child's cradle, and in the dazzle of artificial lights we lose sight of His star. Fortunately, the church of our faith "came with" this wonderful old house (it's right next door). So we have ample chance to scurry together to all its services and activities, busy as we are. But even were the effort greater, we would not skip any part of this important relationship, that of the family to its church at Christmastime. For there the very essence of the holiday is to be found. There the origin of it all—the meaning of every generous impulse, warm greeting, every desire to love and share. There, indeed, that miracle without which even the festivities and bedeckings would be pointless and false.

Another way to make Christmas remembered is to read together some of your favorite Christmas stories. *Birds' Christmas Carol*, the Christmas chapters from *Five Little Peppers*, Edna Dean Baker's beautiful *A Child Is Born*, are some of ours. We save that most simple and thrilling one of all, the account of the Christ Child in the Bible, for Christmas Eve itself. These bedtime sessions have a magical way of making Christmas seem the most wonderful thing that ever happened to the world—as indeed it is! *And what snug memories they will surely summon when our boys and girls are men and women, grown and gone to homes of their own.*

During the last week before Christmas, as the schedule of other affairs permits, we try to set aside certain evenings for certain things. One night we'll give over to gift wrapping, one to decorating, one

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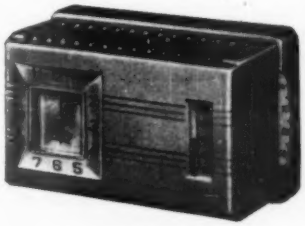

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We also devote one of these nights to a kind of open house for the kids. It's not exactly a party; there are no formal invitations, no gift exchanges, and nobody comes dressed up. But word is given out at school and through the neighborhood that we're going to show movies, and they're welcome to come. A dramatized *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, cartoon comedies, and some of our own home movies of previous Christmases are the usual fare. Mark proudly operates the projector; Mallory struts around with cookies and pretzels; their dad or I or big sister Mickie serves the pop or punch. It's a painless form of entertainment (if you have strong ears and don't mind crumbs on the rug) and one the children always look forward to and love.

Customs, traditions, the special ways you always celebrate Christmas at your house. Such are the framework for memories that endure. And as such I think every young new family should establish traditions and customs of its own. I think it a pity when Christmas has to be spent one year with *his* folks, the next with *hers*, so that no cozy patterns for their own Christmas can ever quite take root.

The customs of Christmas at *our* house are not particularly colorful nor unique. Scrambled eggs and sausages eaten before a blazing fire in the living room Christmas Eve. A stocking hung for Spooky, our dog, along with the rest. A little table set with crackers and milk for Santa Claus—and the note of thanks he always remembers to leave. Church services at midnight. Movie-taking in the morning, while still in our pajamas. A Jack Horner pie in the late afternoon. Nothing very important or unusual, but precious to all of us.

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It was the Christmas before last, as never before, that I realized what both phrases could mean. Heavy with the coming baby, trying to fill those last eternal weeks of waiting, I had plenty of time to savor every phase. And when at last the hurried good-byes had been said, when I heard the little, new voice crying and held the miracle in my arms, I felt very close to that first Christmas family long ago—and to my own. For I knew that when we got home this day-before-Christmas, baby and I, all the things I had left undone would be accomplished. The tree would be shining, the cards would be out, the camels would be journeying toward their lighted canvas star. Lynn and the children would attend to everything. After all—hadn't they always helped?

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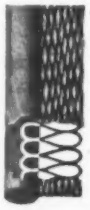

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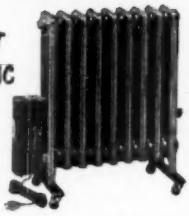

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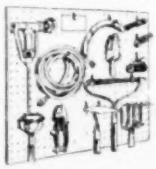

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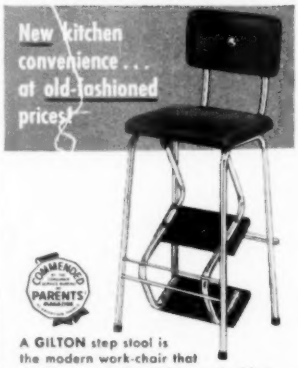

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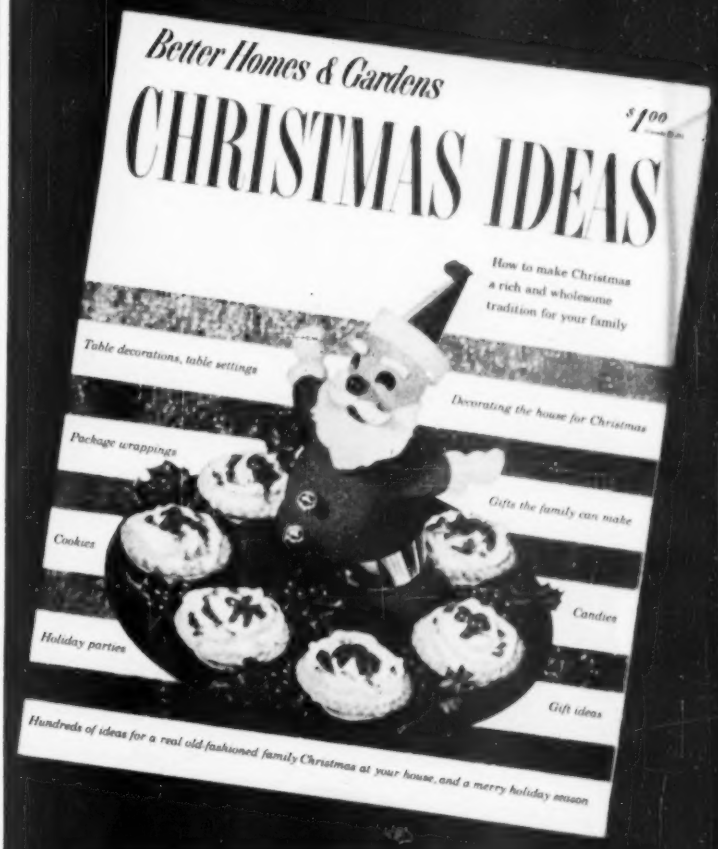

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By James M. Liston

In a large section of the country, body and fender shops are doing a brisk business in repairing dented grills and bashed fenders at this season of the year. And for the usual reason: after alternate thawing and freezing, streets and intersections ambush unsuspecting drivers.

Since slippery spots are infrequent and the average motorist dislikes using tire chains on dry pavement, he runs the risk of being taken by surprise. What he needs is equipment for bringing the car under instant control on icy stretches. Such equipment is now available in an electric sander for passenger cars. The sander is by no means new—it has been used on trucks and busses for years—so all the "bugs" that usually plague new accessories have been eliminated from this antiskid device.

The sander is primarily intended for starting and stopping on ice. The manufacturers do not claim it to be a substitute for tire chains since the grit it discharges is quickly dissipated in deep snow. But the sander fills a real need in city and suburban driving where average snows soon become hard-packed, and where the "assist" of a small amount of grit spells the difference between success on a steep driveway—or mounting tire chains.

The electric sander is operated by flicking a switch on the steering post; a solenoid valve [*Turn to next page*

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Both cars are same make, average weight, but car on right is equipped with electric sander. Sander-equipped car takes hill in stride; other car slides back to starting position

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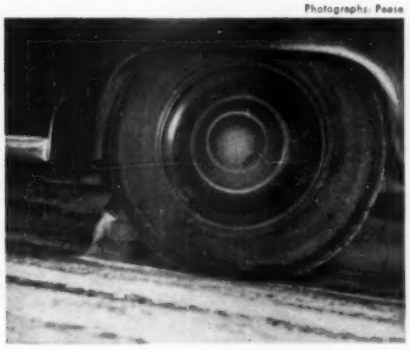
Sander is operated by electric switch on steering column. Switch glows when grit is being released and operates only when ignition is on; no danger of children wasting grit. The grit itself is carried in trunk of car



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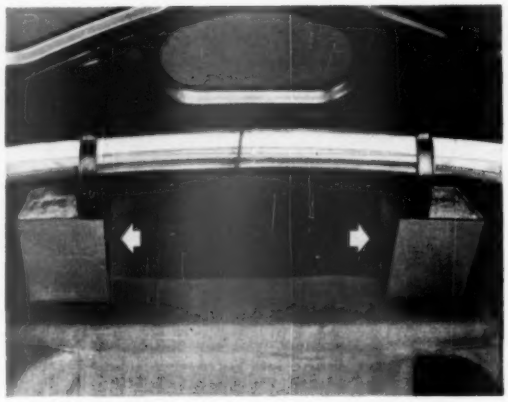

Hoppers that feed discharge tubes of sander are mounted in luggage compartment. Hoppers can be easily removed for summer. Special grit must be used—not sand—which will neither pack nor freeze

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One of the most dangerous skids is the "fishtail"—the rear end of the car follows the line of original direction as the front wheels turn to take a corner—which places your car broadside to oncoming traffic. We have tried dozens of "fishtails" and a quick flick of the sanding switch plus steady acceleration has brought the car immediately into line. This has been done without "correcting" the front wheels—turning in the direction of the skid—which calls for quick action and more than average presence of mind.

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The electric sander is not an inexpensive accessory—$50 and up, plus installation, if you don't have the tools for installing it yourself—but it is probably a more practical accessory than a bumper, which only lessons the shock *after* collision. Actually a sanding device will pay for itself in avoiding one $50-deductible bashed fender—not to mention much more serious accidents.

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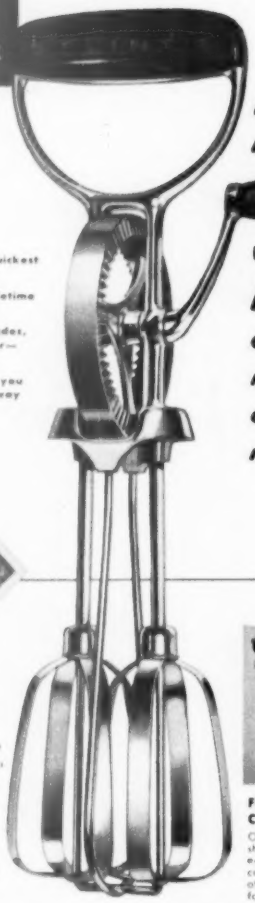

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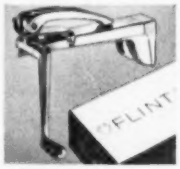

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There are just three basic units that need to go into your high-fidelity system. First, you'll need a source of sound—a phonograph record-player, of course, and sooner or later a separate radio tuner. (You can also add a tape-recorder, if you like, or you can run the high-quality FM sound of your TV set through your high-fidelity system, to give that set a better voice.)

Breakfront detailing is used to fit system into a Traditional room

Here, speaker is mounted in partial partition between living room and entrance hall, with other units built into the adjacent wall. Remote controls are installed in small box placed on table at the left

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Second, you will need an amplifier to strengthen the voice or music coming from your sound source. And third, you will need a speaker capable of reproducing that sound, together with a speaker enclosure of adequate size.

Where to get it

Where do you buy the equipment?

Any radio shop or music store can order it for you, if it is not in stock. Or there are several mail-order houses that will ship you a tested system, ready for assembly, in almost any price range. In the larger cities you will find distributors with special sound departments, where you can listen to various combinations of units before you make your choice.

If you buy units from a local store, ask the salesman to label connections with tags to make assembly a quick, foolproof operation. If you buy a "package" system by mail, connections usually will be clearly marked; they may even be color-coded so you can't make a mistake.

Incidentally, as this is still a hobby field with unusual distribution problems, you may have to shop a bit to find component parts

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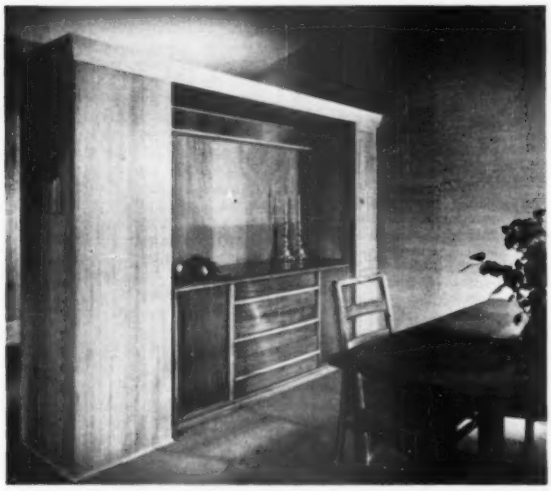
Tuner, amplifier, and record-player should be kept close together if possible, as in this built-in. Note tape-recorder microphone. Bulky speaker can be positioned elsewhere in the room if desired; here it is built into one end of a partial partition, shown in the picture below



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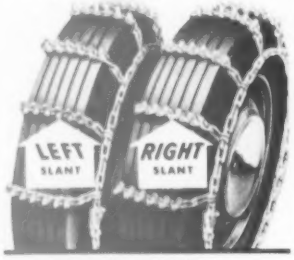

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for the unit at the prices quoted in this article.

(For a listing of the trade names of several popular component units, approximate prices, and mail-order sources, write to the Subscriber's Information Bureau of *Better Homes & Gardens.*)

Where to install it

Once you obtain the naked "works" of the system, described below, where do you install it? The possibilities are endless.

You can mount the whole system on the inside of a closet door, cutting holes to expose speaker and controls. You can set units on bookshelves, or install them in an existing piece of furniture—an old radio cabinet, a corner cupboard, a buffet, or a breakfront. Or you can start from scratch to create a handsome high-fidelity built-in. The most pressing problem will be allowing space for speaker box.

Try to keep tuner, record-player, and amplifier fairly close together, to keep connecting wires short and to allow convenient manipulation of controls. The speaker can be elsewhere in the room if you like.

Line-up of units

The line-up of your high-fidelity sound system, then, will be:

Record-player. You'll want a modern record-player adjustable in speed to take records that turn $33\frac{1}{3}$, 45, or 78 revolutions per minute. If you are starting fresh on a record collection, the $33\frac{1}{3}$ long-playing records (22 minutes per side) are noted for their high quality and the variety of classical music available on them.

The little 45's are fine, too, but because they run only five minutes on a side, you'll want them chiefly for popular music and children's music. You're not likely to buy new albums of 78's, but millions of old ones are still around, and friends will bring some over to see how they sound.

Three-speed turntables measure about 15 inches square and 8 inches high, and are easy to stow away on a shelf or in a drawer. A good one can be had for about $30.

That price does not include the playing "cartridge," the little unit that contains the needle that presses against the record. Actual steel needles are a thing of the past. High-fidelity cartridges use a diamond or sapphire "needle," called a stylus, accurately ground and polished to ride in the grooves of the records with a minimum of wear. Eventually, if not immediately, you will want to invest in a diamond stylus for your microgroove records, because you will soon save the cost in longer stylus life and reduced record wear.

An excellent all-speed cartridge with two sapphire-tipped needles costs about $9. The same cartridge with a diamond-tipped needle for microgrooves costs about $23.

Radio tuner. By means of the radio tuner, you select the various broadcasting stations in your area. This is a separate unit, one you can add later if you like.

A typical tuner is about 10x11x7 inches over-all, has an illuminated dial with station markings. Look for a tuner with a minimum of controls—perhaps only one for locating the station, and one for switching to the type of sound you want—phonograph, AM, FM, or TV. That way, you won't be paying for controls that duplicate those on your amplifier.

You can get a tuner that covers FM only, or one with both FM and AM. It's a convenience to have AM available, for programs available only on long-range AM stations.

FM-AM tuners start at about $65. A good one has stability. Once a station is tuned in, it stays put.

Amplifier. The electrical impulses that come out of your radio tuner or record-player are too weak to be reproduced directly by a speaker. The job of strengthening them is performed by the amplifier. Assuming that your record-player will have the superior magnetic playing cartridge, rather than the crystal type, you will also need a preamplifier, usually built right into the amplifier.

Most amplifiers are rated about alike in their ability to handle extremely low or high sounds. There is a difference, though, in their power-handling ability, as expressed in volume of sound delivered to the speaker.

Most amplifiers sold for home use are scaled to 10 watts. Larger units of 12, 15, and 20 watts are also available, at higher cost. Actually, the sound produced by only 2 or 3 watts is loud enough to hurt your ears. Having 10 watts or more available provides the same sort of reserve for comfortable listening as a 100- or 150-hp engine provides for comfortable driving. A 10-watt system operated at 2 watts is loud but clear; a 2-watt system let out full to 2 watts is sure to sound noisy.

High-fidelity amplifiers can strengthen the full range of audible tones without accentuating or weakening any of them. On this basis, there should be no need for "tone controls," which let you deliberately strengthen or weaken the low or high notes.

With tone controls, however, you can compensate to some extent for a less-than-perfect job of recording. Even more important, you can adjust the sound to match your own personal taste in music. Some listeners like low notes and are bothered by highs; they boost the bass and strangle the treble by jiggling the tone-control knobs. Others look for the delicate overtones represented by the high notes and are annoyed by the boom of the lows, so they shift in the other directions. The middle-grounders who just like good music leave the controls in neutral.

A good 10-watt amplifier will cost you about $55. A 20-watt job runs about four times that much.

Speaker. A high-fidelity system is like a chain, in that it is no stronger than its weakest link. But the speaker, with its enclosure, is probably the most critical part of the chain; it is the first place to increase your investment if you have

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To get both high and low notes uniformly, you need two speakers. The large speaker, designed to carry the low notes, is called the "woofer." A small one, working mainly on the high notes, is known as a "tweeter." In action, they overlap slightly, and an electronic traffic cop called a "crossover network" maintains the right balance.

The small tweeter, looking rather like a toy horn, often is mounted in the center of the large woofer; this type of speaker is called "coaxial."

Though smaller sizes are available, you will want at least a 12-inch coaxial speaker; you can buy a fine one for less than $25. The price range of speakers is very great. A popular 15-inch model costs about $100.

Sound hobbyists who want to squeeze the last rumble or overtone out of music often combine several speakers in various locations in a room. The average owner, however, will be more interested in adding supplementary speakers in other rooms, in order that the music may be carried at will throughout the house.

Speaker enclosure. Almost as important as the speaker itself is the enclosure in which it is mounted. The purpose of the speaker box is to blank out, as completely as possible, the bass notes coming from the rear of the speaker, so they do not fight with those coming out the front.

You can buy a prefabricated, unfinished enclosure for a 12-inch speaker for less than $25, and be sure it will do the job. Or you can mount the speaker on the inside of a closet door, and let the clothes hanging behind it serve as the muffler. Or, if you enjoy woodworking, you can build your own speaker enclosure.

If you build your own, remember that it should enclose at least 5 cubic feet of air for a 12-inch speaker, more if possible. To prevent vibration of the box itself, use ¾-inch plywood or 1-inch-solid, one-piece lumber. Reinforce all joints with glue-blocks and screws. Line at least five of the six inner surfaces (all but the front) with some soft insulating material that will absorb sound. To protect the speaker, cover the round opening you cut for it with a light, open-mesh material.

Instead of a totally enclosed box, you may prefer the "bass reflex" type of enclosure. The speaker is mounted near the top of the box front and a second porthole is cut near the bottom, positioned in such a manner that the bass notes from the rear of the speaker escape to reinforce those from the front. Before you build such an enclosure, obtain detailed instructions from the manufacturer of the speaker.

Adding TV sound. To feed the sound of your TV set into your high-fidelity system, it is necessary to remove the chassis and dig into its wiring to make two new connections. This is definitely a job for an experienced serviceman. At least one TV chassis, designed for custom installations, is provided with these connections.

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Your Christmas tree

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a 12-foot tree can ignite and burn to charred wood in 18 seconds.

You should never place a tree near an open fireplace, close to a smoking stand, or where it can block the exits of a room.

Most of the rules for Chirstmas safety are nothing more than common sense. They are things you practice on other days of the year without giving them a second thought, but are apt to forget in the holiday excitement.

Start with the bottom of your tree. Piles of cotton may give the effect of a "snowy" wonderland, but you couldn't find better kindling for a fire if you were trying. The same goes for fluffy tissue paper or cellophane—and for the wrappings of presents or the presents themselves.

Make sure your decorations are flameproof or fireproof. Your Christmas lights should carry the Underwriters' Laboratories Seal, and the bulbs should have a close socket fit. Inspect all sockets and wires on your old sets. Discard those with frayed insulation and wiring, cracked sockets and plugs.

Extension cords should be long enough to reach easily from light sets to outlets. If taped along the baseboard, they'll be safely out from underfoot. For outdoor trees, use lacquered braid or rubber-jacketed cords to connect your lights. Hang sockets downward to prevent water or snow from collecting in them.

Fire-prevention experts say no more than 80 lights should be used on any one tree, and that lights should not be left on too long or at a time when there is no one in the room. Otherwise, you may overload and short your circuits.

Should you use fireproof chemicals on your tree? Authorities disagree. The layman, they insist, seldom does the job thoroughly enough to make it worthwhile. He dips his tree in a bathtub mixture, then pulls it out before the chemical has a chance to soak in. Then, and here's the rub, the family goes overboard in a false sense of security. Sound safety habits are disregarded out of the notion that their tree is "completely fireproof."

Actually, the water treatment and keeping your tree moisture-fed is a good fire retardant. You should examine the needles daily when you give the stump its water ration. Move lights if needles turn brown in their vicinity. If brownness shows up in other spots, or needles begin to drop heavily, take the tree down immediately. A dried-out tree is an accented hazard.

Once the tree is disrobed, don't make the mistake of tossing the bare branches on the living-room fire to get a last "whiff of the woods." Instead, take it outside a good distance from the house—and stand clear when you toss the match from upwind. Better yet, let the garbage collector have this final moment of glory.

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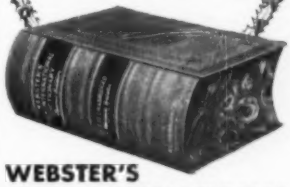

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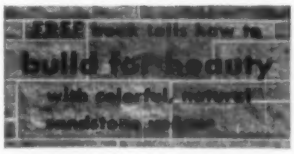

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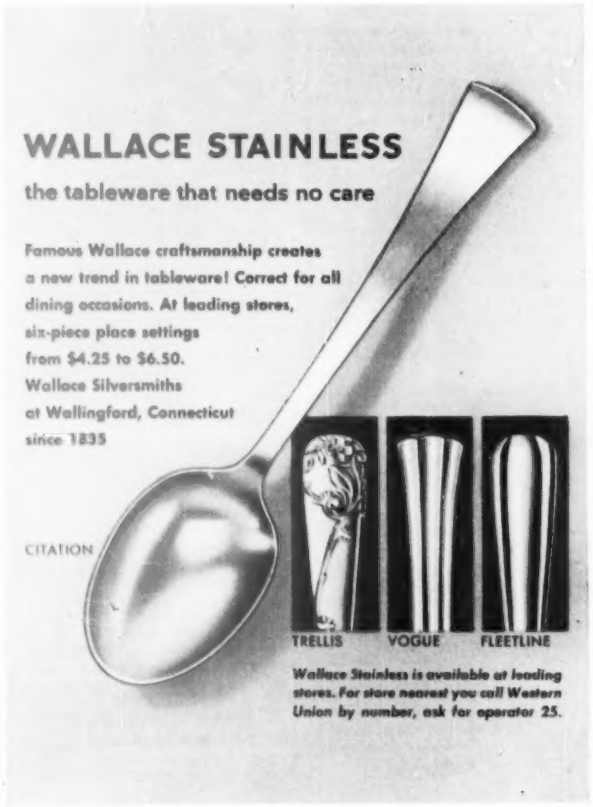

Tips to help you buy home gifts

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Before you buy that present for your home, you'll want to check this list of buying tips. And for gift ideas to help you make home meal preparation easier, you'll want to read the story on page 80.

Remember that some of the items in the list below, like a new chair or mirror, may require a family conference before you go shopping, to make sure you get the right color or size. Or you can make a surprise of this type of gift by putting a gift-wrapped miniature on the tree. Where do you get the miniature? Try the doll-furniture section of your favorite store.

Wheeled carts

The price depends on how much you want to pay, starting from about $15-$20 on up. Little ones, easy to scoot through a door, are primarily for beverages, or for passing dessert to persons scattered around a room.

Middle-sized carts with lots of shelf space carry dishes and a whole meal from the kitchen to the dining table in just one trip. Some have electric outlets to plug in the toaster or percolator.

Big wheeled carts take the place of a dining table for two or four, with plenty of shelves for a mealful of dishes and food.

Snack tables

Individual snack tables often come in sets of four, starting at about $15 a set. Some fold; others stack. Some are tiny, to place beside a chair with a glass and sandwich. Others are taller, with clear foot and knee space so you can dine in front of your TV set as comfortably as at a big table.

Folding chairs

Folding chairs start at about $18 for a nice-looking armchair that's comfortable for an evening of TV or movies. Some styles go outdoors, too, for year-round use.

And another spacesaving chair stacks, so that a pile of four takes no more space than one.

Rugs, large or small

Wall-to-wall carpeting or a new, room-sized rug is a present de luxe.

For a smaller gift, don't overlook a scatter rug. A scatter rug adds a color accent or covers a worn spot in the other floor covering, or both! Don't get a dinky, little postage-stamp-sized rug. About 4x6 feet is a nice size for hearth or bedside.

Lounge chair

The nicest gift is one chosen to "fit" exactly a very special person, so it's safer to avoid surprises.

Ask about new fillings: Foam is more luxurious than rubberized hair, but both are great improvements over older types of filling.

And ask about new coverings—unless he's a red-leather man and won't settle for anything else!

Those feet-up-in-the-air, adjustable chairs come in good designs and ugly ones, so look around until you find a style that sits well and looks well, too.

Fireplace accessories

These are especially Christmasy gifts—ideal for a brand-new home. Look for contemporary, black iron styles for Ranch houses where Colonial brass is out of place.

Whatever style you get, Modern or Traditional, look for screens that make fire-tending easy but are truly sparkproof.

Musical "devices"

We won't attempt descriptions of all that's available. In addition to TV, radio, and phonograph, do consider family "music makers" such as a piano or recorder.

Wall decorations

By this, we mean a picture, hanging shelf, or mirror. A mirror of the unframed type is easier than you'd expect, both to plan and to install. And consider a big panel for the bathroom, or to lighten a narrow hall. Or surprise a teen-ager with a door model so she can preen in her first long dress.

For the bath

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Lamps

As a reading light for the bedroom, consider fluorescent lamps which give cool light—especially nice in summer. And there are pin-up lights, high enough to light your book, taking no table space.

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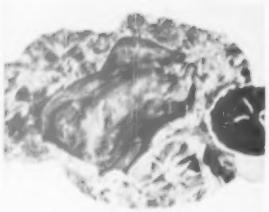

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Build these toy storage units. You can obtain free plans for the two toy holders described here and the two at the bottom of page 62, from the American Toy Institute, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

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Here's a well-trained train. It looks like an attractive desk with a practical bulletin board in the photograph, above, doesn't it? That's what it is, plus an extra feature. The bulletin board is fastened to the wall with a safety hasp and folds down over the desk to become a train table as you see, below. The Emron T. Wright home, Phoenix, Arizona

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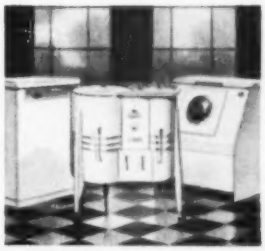
This is toy storage de luxe. One wall of this playroom has deep shelves inviting toys to be picked up and put on the shelves out of the way. The most-used ones are kept down on lower shelves to make them handier for everyday play. Practical flooring is ready to take the youngsters' roughest treatment. From W. MacLean Johnson home, Ladue, Missouri

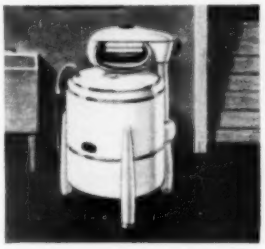
An advertisement of Reynolds Metals Company

BETTER HOME Product News

THINGS TO LOOK FOR WHEN YOU BUY A WASHING MACHINE

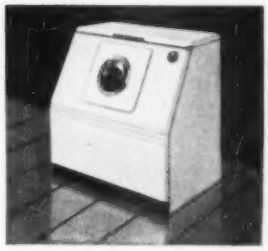
You'll save time and trouble and you'll be better satisfied, if you choose between well-known makes of washing machines, and buy from a dealer who has a reputation for fair dealings and good service. Your dealer will help you select the right machine for your requirements—wringer type, spin-dryer or automatic washer. He'll also show you where leading washing machine manufacturers are using Reynolds Aluminum . . . the mark of quality in the washing machine you buy.

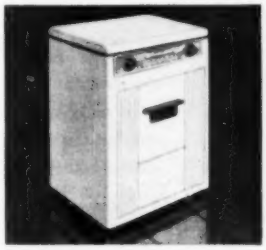




Weight makes a difference in your washing machine, especially if you have to move it when you wash. Aluminum in tubs, agitator, trim, drain plate are parts you can see. But gears, gear case, pump parts, and even electric motors on many of today's leading washing machines make them twice as light, yet just as strong as older models. Whether covered by a gleaming white finish or in its attractive natural color, aluminum parts will never rust—are easy to keep clean.

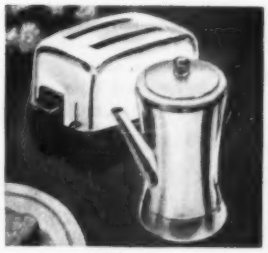
If your choice is an automatic washer, you'll find aluminum makes a difference in these machines, too. Lightweight aluminum cuts down on vibration . . . is often used in outer tubs and inner baskets as well as in doors, framework, gears, motors. Streams of hot water coursing through aluminum baskets have no harmful effect on clothes because aluminum can't rust, stain or streak. Aluminum in its natural form or covered by baked-on enamel finishes is both durable and attractive.





When you shop for a clothes dryer, again you'll want to compare recognized makes and buy from a reputable dealer. Like refrigerators, washing machines and other appliances, you'll find Reynolds Aluminum used to good advantage in many popular clothes dryers. Aluminum doors, dryer drum, framework, gear cases and trim offer strength without unnecessary weight. In its bright natural form or covered by an enamel finish, you can be sure of top quality when aluminum is used.

Shopping is easier for toasters, fans, irons and many other small appliances, too, when you look for well known makes that give you the time and work-saving benefits of Reynolds Aluminum. For instance—aluminum coffee makers are light to handle, easy to clean, won't stain or chip. Aluminum spreads heat evenly, quickly—helps you make piping hot coffee in a jiffy. Aluminum imparts no taste, holds no odors—lets you enjoy all the flavor and rich goodness of your favorite coffee.



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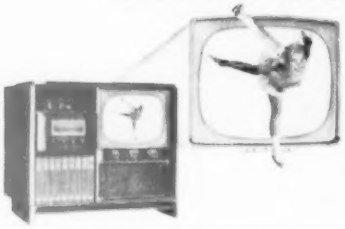

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You operate in a big way when you grow an amaryllis. For all the colder parts of the country, it's a flower best handled as a house plant. The bulbs are big. The flowers are big—as much as seven inches across in some of the newer hybrids. The flowers come along rapidly. They give you something that's eye-filling to brag about at a season when flowers are few.

Amaryllis can be flowered from seed in three to four years' time. But growing them from bulbs of flowering size is the most satisfactory thing to do. Bulbs can be saved from year to year and will increase in number.

1 Your first step is buying a dormant or semidormant bulb of a size that can push up one or more flower stems within a reasonably short time. The bulb shown here at right is too small—less than 2½ inches through at its largest diameter. Bulbs should be free of mold, show some fresh growth in neck, need not be this far advanced at start

2 Preserve any live roots. If you have it, dust base of bulb with a root-inducing hormone powder. Use a 6-inch pot or larger, one with at least a full inch of free space all around the bulb. Bridge drainage hole with curved bit of china or cap from a soft-drink bottle. Fill lower half with good topsoil well mixed with sand. Firm with fingers

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3 As you fill in soil about it, pull up on bulb so that roots, if present, point downward. Bring largest part of bulb to soil level, one inch below pot rim. Leave upper part uncovered. Dribble water next to rim so soil grows damp gradually. Keep in strong light at about 65 degrees. Keep water out of leaf crevices as long as it is grown indoors

4 Flower buds often show before leaves. Pencil points to short depressed fold in tip of bud—sure sign flowers are coming as you hope. Buds come at sides with leaves between, should show in 8 weeks. Stake if necessary. Water daily. Preserve all leaves for health of the bulb

More on gift plants, next page

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How to pack gift plants

Use several thicknesses of newspapers to insulate plant against the cold

Avoid rubbing buds and leaf tips

One of the chief dangers you encounter in carrying plants is spoiling their beauty by bruising unopened buds and tender leaf tips.

Florists long ago developed the technique of rolling plants as they wrapped them. In doing this, it's important to push the branches upward and inward as you turn the pot.

Make certain even the wrapping paper does not rest on the top buds. Use several sheets to get stiffness. Fold over to form a sort of cap. Use pins and tape to hold the papers in place.

See that the package has a flat bottom and does not rock.

Have the soil moderately dry but caution the receiver to water generously on arrival.

You can do no better than to follow as closely as possible the packing cautions the florists take. If it's to be a tall package, push a plant stake into the soil before you start wrapping, a stake taller than your gift plant.

If you are sending an ivy plant, a philodendron, or a pothos vine, coil the branches so that the growing up will not be rubbed. Hold in place with rolled tissue paper, then put on your insulated wrappings.

Avoid chilling and upsets

You'll find newspapers, six and seven layers, your best aid when plants are carried outside when air temperatures are below 40 degrees.

More layers give you better insulation. Ten to 12, with no cracks, make it safe to carry plants short distances through even zero temperatures.

You'll also find that the top of a suit box makes a good broad base when punched as pictured to hold the flowerpot. A blouse or sweater box takes care of an African-violet handily. With box lids like this, you can transport gift plants unharmed in a car with no extra hands to hold your gifts while you drive.

The point to remember when you gauge the risks is that you're moving plants accustomed to high house temperatures. It's not that the plants will necessarily die, but that chilling may cause them to drop their leaves and buds, and cause a disappointing setback.

You may not have thin sheets of cotton to lay across the top buds of an azalea or camellia. But small cotton squares from your bathroom supplies serve handily.

Pins do almost as well as the florists' stapler in pinning the wrappings tight.

Avoid shock

If there's time, gradually accustom your gift plants to cooler temperatures for three or four days before you take them through frigid air.

Coleus and Fancyleaf caladiums wilt when chilled, but usually snap out of it when once again they are given moderate warmth.

Take no needless chances in chilling a Jerusalem cherry or Ornamental Pepper plant. Remember, both are exceptionally sensitive to small traces of cooking gas in the air.

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See yourselves in

The Mirror of Youth

Some people don't like the glamour-meaning Christmas has taken on today. Do you like it as is, or have different ideas? Let's see what our teen correspondents say about Christmas

Riley Covin

June '52, Benton, South Carolina, High School. Received two letters in football, track. Honor graduate, placed in three state mental contests. President of honorary Beta Club. Had leading roles in two class plays. Enrolled in King College, Bristol, Tennessee.

Christmas today has lost much of its original meaning. Pre-Christmas days are viewed as commercial bonanzas. At present, Christmas could be compared to the money changers' Sabbath business Jesus condemned and drove out of the temple. Surely we don't want to celebrate the birth of a man in a way that so contradicts the principles He so firmly believed in.

The real purpose of Christmas, celebrating the birth of the Saviour of all mankind, is smothered under an avalanche of business interests. Christmas, in my opinion, should be strictly a religious holiday with church playing a large part in its observance. The exchanging of gifts should be set aside for another time.

June Mueller

Senior at Ellsworth, Kansas, High School. Publicity chairman of Future Homemakers of America; belongs to Y-teens. Earns spending money by sweeping out church where father is minister. Hobbies are studying and photographing cats; trying new recipes on family.

We start having a "Christmasy feeling" soon after Thanksgiving turkey has become turkey hash. But that Christmasy feeling is often stretched to a point far beyond the original meaning.

Although jolly Santa should have some part in the Christmas scene, he should not be allowed to steal the spotlight from the main character in the Christmas story—the Christ Child. Letting children believe in Santa Claus as a person who lives at the North Pole and rides around only on Christmas Eve may not make them any happier than the children who don't believe in him. When the child who believes in Santa Claus learns the truth, it may jolt him so he won't know whether to believe anything his parents tell him—not even the real story of Baby Jesus.

Family traditions that add much to home companionship are good at Christmastime. I think we should keep up these traditions. But there is something wrong with the way we celebrate Christmas. Too many lack sincerity and exclude the word Christ from Christmas.

Written by teen-agers for other teen-agers and for all parents

Roger Asselstine

Sunnyside, Washington, High School. Numerous activities include Newspaper and Lettermen's Club, Thespians, Hi-Y, and orchestra. Was a class officer, on Executive Council, in various plays, and served on many committees. Taking correspondence course in art.

As Christmas nears, it seems the whole family is on the run with parties or dances they "simply must" attend. And, of course, Mother must have her house as cleverly decorated as the neighbors'. She buys expensive decorations for arrangement in strategic places. Perhaps the tree must be so perfect Junior can't even put on the icicles.

I think the "old-fashioned" Christmas was celebrated in a true spirit of joy and festivity. Maybe their holiday wasn't as sophisticated as ours, but they seemed to receive a glowing satisfaction from the simpler things—group caroling, families attending a pageant together, sleigh rides, decorating the house tree together. Christmas Day spent together exchanging sincere gifts, hearing *A Christmas Carol*, challenging father at checkers, and popping corn in the fireplace.

We could capture that true Christmas spirit if we would try to make ours a "simple and serene" rather than a "sophisticated and sublime" Christmas.

Sarah Olsan

June '52, North High School, Des Moines, Iowa. Editor, school newspaper; member, Student Council, orchestra, and band. Also a member of tennis and badminton teams. Swims, likes Spanish and table tennis.

Like so many other holidays, I believe that Christmas has become a very highly commercialized affair. I also believe that "where something is gained, something is lost." True, many businesses make large profits at Christmas, as during other holiday seasons. But I'm sure many people have lost the true meaning of Christmas Day.

On the other hand, programs on radio and television have done much to preserve a truly religious Christmas spirit among us. They have added programs to bring back to us the traditions, feelings of good will, and sober meaning of this holiday.

Some of the activities of Christmas which have been nearly lost in recent years should be encouraged this Christmas. The age-old custom of singing carols is a pleasing Christmas feature that should be increased this season. Attending special Christmas church services, children's programs, and other holiday activities as a family unit will do a lot to make Christmas better. I believe if we would concentrate on this type of activity, we would be happier because we would be learning to share with others. And we would be doing something to take the commercialism from Christmas.

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Sides of the box are made of 2-inch redwood. The diamond-shaped block is 5 inches high, 6½ inches wide. Bore several ½-inch holes in bottom to insure drainage.

More on opposite page

By Dale Somers

Begin now if your place needs a garden gate and the design you favor involves hours of careful planning and workshop carpentry. You'll have it ready to move out by spring.

The gate that spans the walk at right is framed with 2x2s. Open-center construction is carried out with wood dowels an inch in diameter and short lengths of 2x4s.

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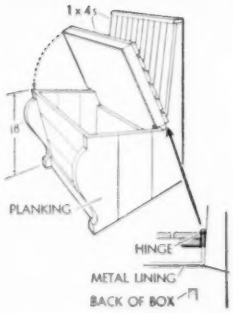

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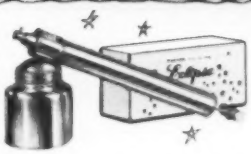

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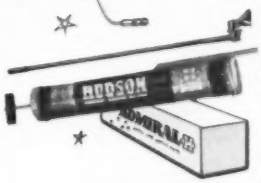

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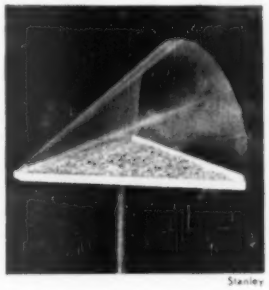
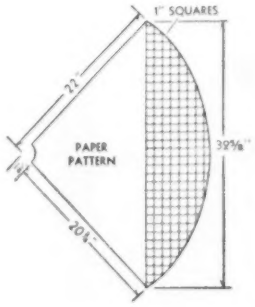


Stanley

Here's a smart-looking bird-feeding tray that offers real protection from winter winds and snow—yet you can see the activity from every angle. The birds feel safe because there are no blind spots.

Build a feeder like it. Mount it on a length of pipe, near a shrub or tree, if possible.



To make a bird feeder like this one, you'll first need to cut a pattern from a sheet of heavy paper or cardboard—24x36 inches.

Draw a line 32⅝ inches long, 8½ inches from lengthwise edge. Using cord and pencil as a compass, determine a point 22 inches from both ends of this line. Using a radius of 1¼ inches from this point, make a curved line with compass and cut out tip.

Draw in 1-inch squares in pattern above 32⅝-inch line as a guide in developing larger curve.

Use pattern to cut feeder top from sheet of .020-inch cellulose acetate. Cut triangle platform from outdoor plywood.

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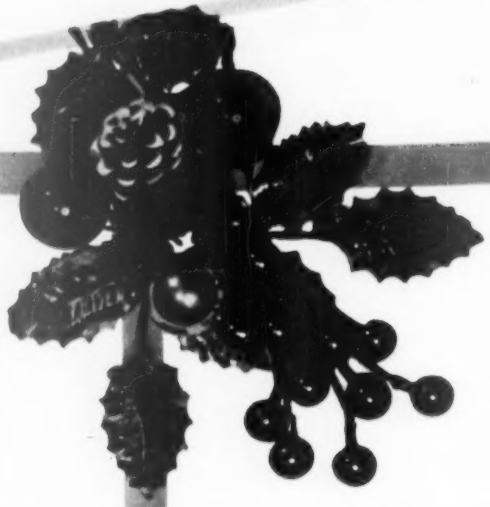

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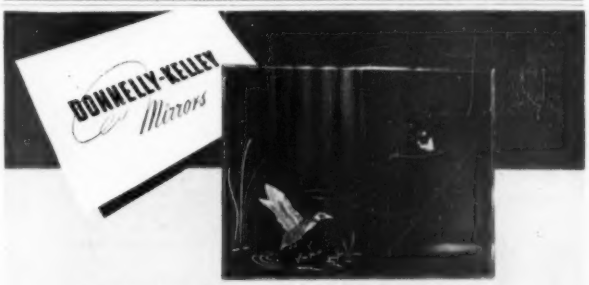

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Plain dirt gardener

By Harry R. O'Brien

Maggie, armed with basket, and me, with pruning shears, took cuttings from our evergreens to decorate indoors

Dec. 3 "Here is a present for you," says I to Maggie as I came in the back door, home from work.

It was a dozen Garnette roses. They looked mighty purty, too, on the dining-room table.

Dec. 4 Found a dandelion in bloom, right out on garden path.

Dec. 5 Tonight to monthly meeting of our men's rose club.

Dec. 7 Maggie swept up leaves from our red oak tree on the back lawn. I hauled 'em to compost pile.

The pile has grown too high, so we began a new one alongside it.

From the old pile, I scattered compost on the roses, around perennials. Compost is great stuff. Scattered some lime and plant food on new pile to speed rotting.

Dec. 8 I rigged up a temporary worktable under a 200-watt light to finish working over my glad corms in the basement.

Twisted the old, dried-up mummy of last year's corm off the bottom. Where two corms had grown, I separated them. Left on husks.

Then placed cleaned corms in a flat. Filled each flat with one layer. Stacked flats crisscross.

I dusted on 5 percent DDT, just in case thrips were on the corms.

Dec. 9 Maggie and I now live alone. Donald and Janet, married last month, have their own little white house. David is in the Army in Georgia.

Tonight about seven, Donald and Janet came by. Janet and Maggie went off to a meeting.

Donald read the papers, and I popped a big pan of popcorn.

After the wimminfolk came back, we all sat in the living room, eating popcorn and apples.

Dec. 12 My birthday. At suppertime, Maggie had two tall candles in silver candlesticks on the table.

Dec. 14 We went down to have our first meal with Donald and Janet tonight. Well sir, it was a wonderful meal. Some of my favorite dishes.

There was a birthday cake baked just for me. And the plain truth is that Janet is a right good cook.

Conversation was mainly about draperies and furniture and rugs—details of establishing a new home.

I was itching to begin oration about trees and shrubs and roses. Where to put sweetpeas and rhubarb. But all that will come later.

Dec. 17 David called again—from a fort in New Jersey, to which place the Army had suddenly whisked him.

Dec. 19 Maggie and I took off on our annual shopping trip in town.

I bought my diary notebook—for my specific garden notes.

Another item is my Christmas present for Janet, to wit, the *Better Homes & Gardens* Cook Book.

Dec. 20 Another call from David. He will be stationed right where he is, and gets home for Christmas. Arrives at 8, day after tomorrow.

Can we meet him at the train? We most certainly can!

Dec. 21 Maggie is working on the draperies she's making for one of the rooms in the new home of Donald and Janet—their Christmas present.

I carried out ashes and dumped them by one of the iris beds.

Just as soon as snow melts, I'll use them to mulch over clumps to keep iris from winter heaving.

Dec. 22 We hurried down to meet David, coming in at 8.

In came the train. And up came Private David, a big smile on his face, and a barracks bag over his shoulder.

Our house was in action once more. David's old friends came flocking. Phone kept ringing.

Dec. 23 This morning, two cock pheasants were eating at the bird pan on the rear lawn. Outside the window I saw a brown creeper eating suet at a hanging rack.

Our live Christmas tree with roots balled and burlapped was delivered. David and I put it in a tub in usual place in living room.

In came Donald and Janet. We all went to work to put the finery on that purty tree.

Dec. 24 Put on four-buckle arctics and armed with basket and pruning shears, went about the place and pruned evergreens—taxus, mugho pine, dwarf junipers.

Before suppertime, Maggie had cuttings on the front door and all around the house.

Bought a poinsettia and a bunch of roses at the florist shop.

Dec. 25 A wonderful day for this reunited family and what all happened is our own family business.

Donald and Janet gave Maggie a little bedroom radio. She will certainly enjoy that!

Dec. 30 Right after breakfast, David loaded his old jalopy with his duffle bag, books, a radio, and a bag of tools. Then off he went into the morning.

It is spring outdoors—up to 68—so rustled out more ashes to the iris bed. Looked at roses. They are killed back a lot but still alive and healthy around the bases.

Tonight came a call from David in Pennsylvania. O.K. so far.

I read a story, then climbed the stairs, leaving Maggie still working on a crossword puzzle.

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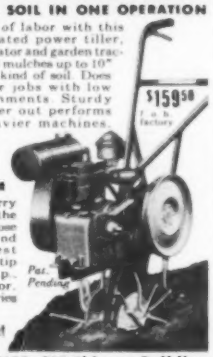

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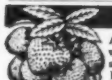

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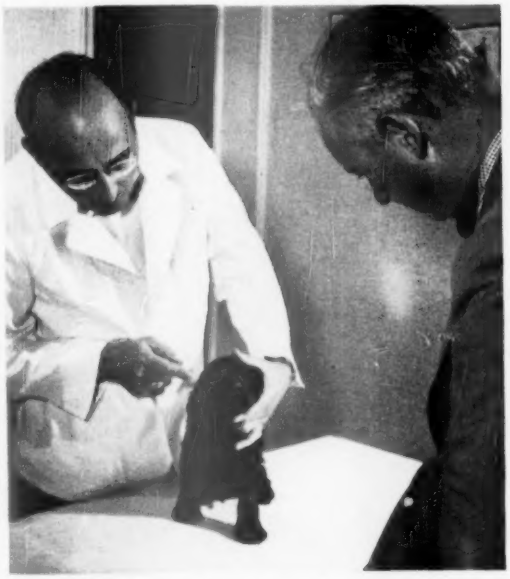

Is he normal, healthy, wide awake?

Look for runny nose and watery eyes. Have the dog's temperature taken. If it's over 102 degrees, don't buy. Check for deafness by clapping your hands or whistling. All dogs are born deaf, but acquire their hearing in about 10 days

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I live in a cold climate. Would housing my cocker spaniel in the garage be enough shelter?—Mr. M. W. H., Wisconsin.

If your dog is 6 months old or more, the garage will be adequate protection. But if the floor is concrete, spread a thick layer of straw over it. Cut a hole in the side of the garage and cover it with a heavy piece of discarded carpet, as a flap. Provide a bed up off the floor, with straw at least 12 inches deep.

What are the best worm-prevention measures for pigeons?—R. F. Mc., New York.

Birds should be kept off contaminated soil, the best protection being to house them on a ½-inch wire-mesh floor (hardware cloth). Sanitation and cleanliness of the loft and dryness of the floor are musts in any effective worm-control program. Periodic spraying of quarters with insecticides helps.

My dog is nervous and jumpy, barks hysterically at the slightest sound, day or night. Is there anything I can do to overcome this?—Mrs. B. G. U., Ohio.

Step up the protein (meat) supply and only slightly boil the meat, to preserve its vitamin B. For a few weeks, mash up 2 or 3 brewers' yeast tablets and mix them in with the daily food. "Nerves" are almost always caused by vitamin B deficiency.

We are told it's dangerous to bathe our cat. Is this true?—Mrs. J. C. Mc., Alabama.

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Our male scotty used to love children, but he has recently taken a thorough dislike to them since they throw stones at him. We want to know how to overcome this dislike, as we expect to have children of our own sometime.—Mrs. S. K., Maine.

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Can children get diseases from dogs?—Mrs. S. R. P., Cuba.

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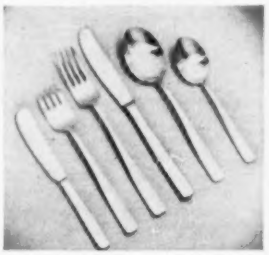

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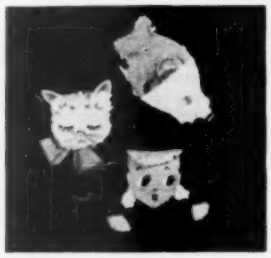

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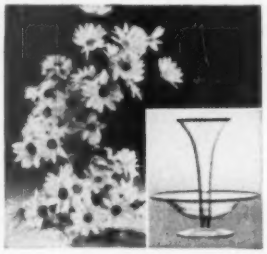

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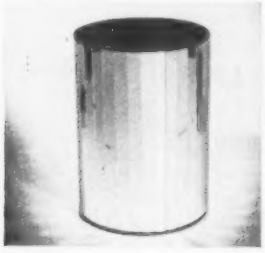

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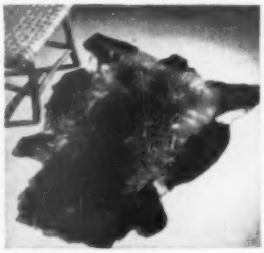

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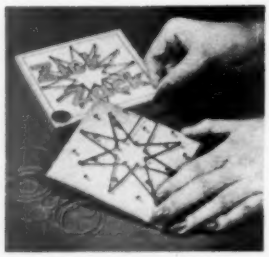

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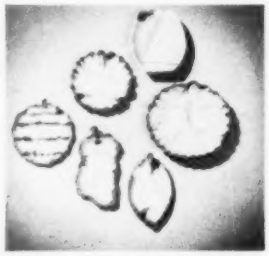

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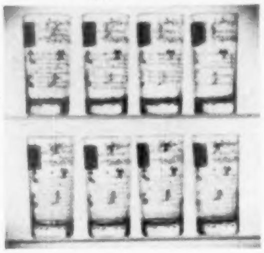

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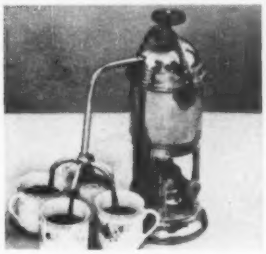

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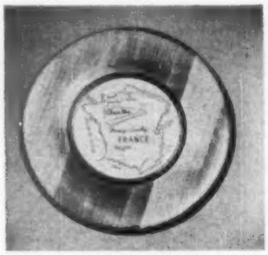

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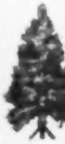

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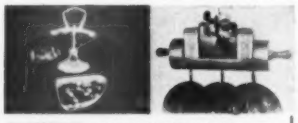

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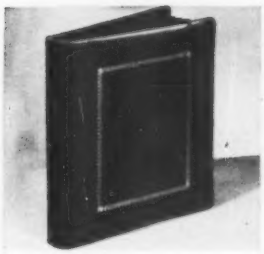

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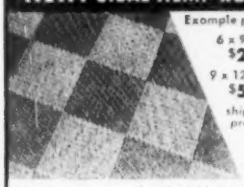

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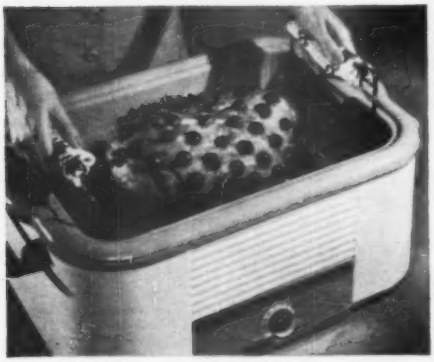

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THE MAN NEXT DOOR

Our three children still hang up their stockings on Christmas Eve. Their mother likes the idea. "It seems so good," she says, "to see them hanging something up for a change."

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Maybe you didn't invent electric lights or develop atomic flashes, but you can give the world something better—the light that shines in a little kid's eyes on Christmas morning.

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Breathes there a man so immune to temptation that he has never considered leaving his snow shovel on the ground some night so it would be snowed out of sight in the morning?

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Aunt Opal, after much telephoning, has finally learned the clothing sizes of the whole Hillis family. So all she has to figure out is whether to buy us gifts that will fit us now or after we've cleaned up the usual supply of Christmas candy.

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With prices as they are, the dates that girls break nowadays are the ones they go out with.

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The Garden of Love may be sunlit by laughter, but it flowers into its richest loveliness only when watered by tears that you shed together.

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Grandma Hillis says she has never yet seen a boy start out on the road to crime with his hands full of homemade ginger cookies.

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Grandpa Hillis, scanning the divorce column in the evening paper, remarked that it used to take longer to woo and win a girl than it does today. "But," he added, "you got to keep her."

You can pretty well tell what kind of stuff a young fellow is made of by whether he wants to make his way in the world or have it.

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Uncle Dodd Buckner, bringing us in some fresh sausage from the farm, got to discussing night life in the city. "The wages of sin," he opined, "aren't any higher than they are out in the country, but the devil gets a lot more overtime."

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Mrs. Anderson's old tomcat yowled for hours in our back yard one night, but the next night we quieted him. The neighbors wondered admiringly how we did it. "It's a gift," was all I'd tell them, which was the truth. (I gave Junior 10 cents' worth of beans for his slingshot.)

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A guest at the Tuesday Bridge Club gushed over some of the members, and then gossiped about them when their backs were turned. But the ladies were too polite to come right out and call her two-faced. "She has a pretty face," one of them said after the meeting. "Yes," another agreed, "and that's only half of it."

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"You can't blame wives," says Lee Bayless, evicting some of his oldest ties from the rack, "for giving their husbands Christmas neckties. They have to have something to hang their scarves over."

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I did *not* hit high C while singing in the bathtub last night. I'd just leaned back on that highly ornamental cowboy belt Junior is always leaving over the end of the tub.

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"Let other men joke about Christmas neckties," says Doc Hannelly, "but I look forward to them every year. Someday somebody's going to give me one as pretty as the gift-wrapping paper it comes in."

Fred Randolph came over to use our phone. His wife, Katie, he explained, was using theirs, talking with the Widow Weems. "Guess they'll be through now," he said as he started home a half hour later. "They were saying good-bye to each other when I left."

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In the midst of receiving gifts this Christmas, let's remember that the One whose birthday it is has been revered nearly 2,000 years, not for what He got, but for what He gave.

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Mom had to rush in three times yesterday to separate Judy and Junior when they tangled belligerently while practicing that piano duet their teacher is having them play at a recital. Its name is "Sweet Peace at Eventide."

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Our Judy, who is 10, is no holder of grudges. She had a rough-and-tumble fight with a boy playmate yesterday over a double lollipop, and the next minute she broke it in two and gave him half. We tried to commend her for her forgiving spirit, but she shrugged it off modestly. "It was his in the first place," she explained.

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We had a wedding anniversary recently and it seemed to me that Christine hadn't aged a bit since I married her. Then she said the same thing about me—and now I'm worried about her eyesight.

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Things that don't have price tags on them: a little son's quick and complete forgiveness, for anything . . . the undisguised joy in your wife's eyes whenever a little triumph is yours . . . an almost-grown daughter stopping impulsively to perch on your lap a moment just as she liked to do when she was a little girl . . . pancakes, once in a while, for breakfast . . . that look in the eyes of men of good will as they hurry along, bundle-laden, each with a song in his heart . . . neighborhoods, warm and friendly . . . the country you and I live in. And Christmas!

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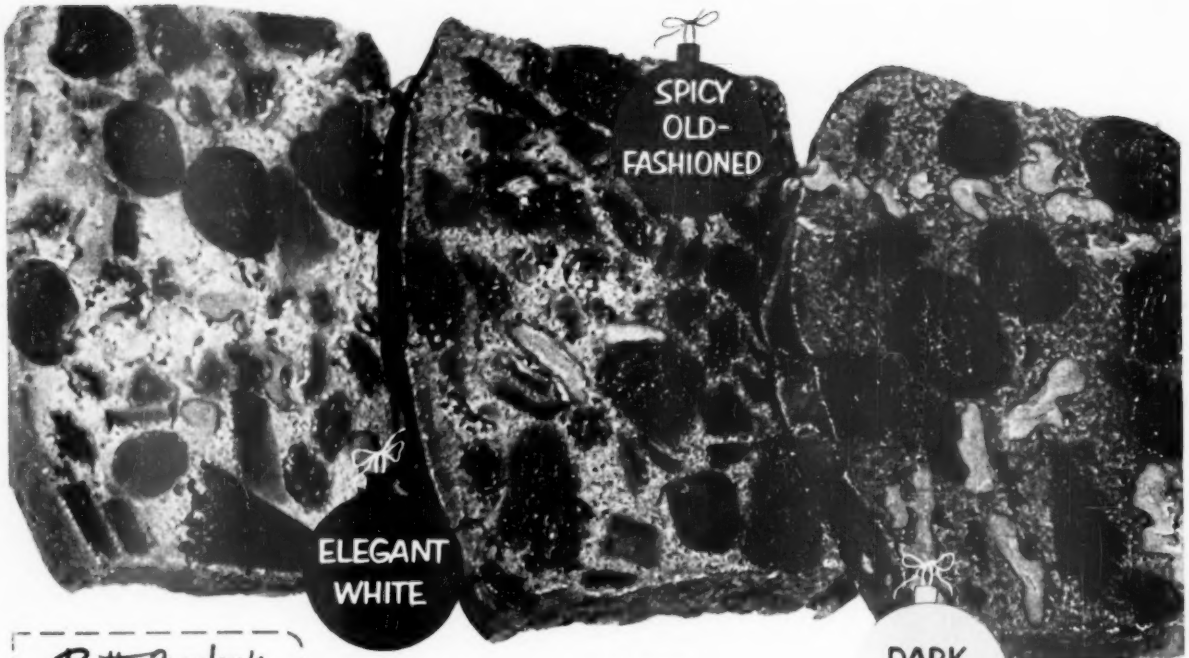

Betty Crocker's

VARIETY FRUIT CAKE

(Be sure to use Gold Medal Flour)

ELEGANT WHITE FRUIT CAKE

Preheat oven to 275° (slow).

Mix together
- **1 cup cooking oil such as Wesson**
- **1 1/2 cups sugar**
- ***4 eggs**

Beat vigorously with spoon or electric mixer for 2 minutes.

Sift together
- **2 cups sifted GOLD MEDAL Flour**
- ***1 tsp. double-action baking powder**
- ***2 tsp. salt**

Stir in oil mixture alternately with
- ****1 cup pineapple or apple juice**

Mix
- **1 cup more sifted GOLD MEDAL Flour**

into
- **1 cup thinly sliced citron**
- **1/2 cup thinly sliced candied lemon peel**
- **1 cup candied pineapple (1-in. pieces)**
- **1 1/2 cups whole candied cherries**
- **3 cups seedless white raisins (1 lb.)**
- **2 cups nuts in large pieces**

Pour batter over fruit, mixing thoroughly.

Line with brown paper 2 greased loaf pans, 8½x4½x2½-in. Pour batter into the pans. Place a pan of water on lower oven rack. Bake cakes *2½ to 3 hours in slow oven* (275°). After baking, let cakes stand 15 minutes before removing from pans. Cool thoroughly on racks without removing paper. When cool, remove paper. Store by wrapping tightly in aluminum foil, then placing in a covered jar in a cool place to ripen.

**WHEN USING GOLD MEDAL SELF-RISING FLOUR: (1) Omit baking powder and salt (2) Have fruit juice boiling hot when adding (4) Do not add eggs until the mixture has cooled to lukewarm (about ½ hour).*

***Orange juice may be used in the Old-Fashioned and Dark De Luxe cakes.*

SPICY OLD-FASHIONED FRUIT CAKE

Follow basic recipe above, but, use only 1¼ cups sugar. Add ¼ cup molasses with the sugar. Add 2 tsp. cinnamon and 1 tsp. nutmeg to dry ingredients. In place of fruits and nuts above, use: 2⅔ cups seedless raisins (15 oz. pkg.), 2 cups cut-up dates (1 lb.), 2 cups mixed candied fruit (or 1 lb.), 1 cup nuts in large pieces.

DARK DE LUXE FRUIT CAKE

Follow basic recipe above, but, use brown sugar (packed in cup) instead of white sugar. Add 2 tsp. cinnamon, 2 tsp. allspice and 1 tsp. cloves to dry ingredients. In place of fruits and nuts above, use: 1 cup thinly sliced citron, 1 cup chopped candied pineapple, 1½ cups whole candied cherries, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup chopped figs, 3 cups coarsely chopped nuts.

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FRUIT CAKE

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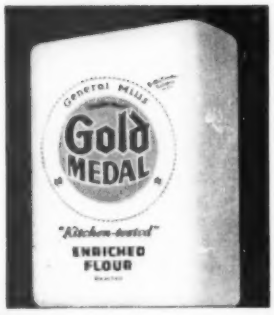

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